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New video of police shooting damning: Group

Fatal evening.
BCCLA calls evidence 'irrefutable' as investigation into man's death is reopened

New eyewitness video is "irrefutable" evidence that Paul Boyd did not pose a threat to Vancouver police when the fatal shot was fired in 2007, according to the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA).

The video, taken from a witness's vehicle during the unfolding incident on Aug. 13, 2007, shows Boyd — after having already been shot six times and disarmed by police — crawling on his hands and knees towards an officer.

The view is then obstructed by another car, but a shot — apparently the one to the head that killed Boyd — is heard.

At the time of the incident, police responding to 911 calls were confronted by Boyd, who was bipolar, swinging a bike chain.

Const. Lee Chipperfield testified he believed Boyd was still armed when he fired the fatal shot to Boyd's head.

He was never charged in the shooting, as the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner (OPCC) determined there were too many conflicting accounts of what happened during the incident.

But the video may finally set the record straight, according BCCLA executive director David Eby.

"The video is an irrefutable demonstration of our worst concerns," said Eby. "He was shot six times and had been disarmed. There was limited or no risk to the police officer at that point."

Attorney General Shirley Bond acted quickly after learning about the new footage, arranging for the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) to review the evidence.

"This is a very sensitive case," Bond said in a statement, "which is why we have asked (ASIRT), an experienced, independent investigative agency, to consider the case in light of new information."

The B.C. Coroners Service also said it will review the findings of its December 2010 public inquest in light of the video.

The BCCLA had previously pleaded, unsuccessfully, with the OPCC to reopen its investigation, raising concerns that several witnesses reported Boyd had been crawling and was unarmed when he was killed.

On Tuesday, police-complaint commissioner Stan Lowe agreed and said he's been in discussions with ASIRT director Clifton Purvis.

"I have personally viewed the video and support the decision to reopen the investigation of this tragic incident," Lowe said in a statement. "We will await the completion of the investigation and Mr. Purvis' review of the matter from a criminal perspective."

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A bystander video apparently shows a Vancouver police officer shooting an unarmed man on Granville Street in August 2007 as the man, Paul Boyd, inset, crawls along the ground after being shot six times. SCREEN GRAB

Firing back at Branson

Premier Christy Clark has some strong words for Sir Richard Branson in response to his naked-kitesurfing invitation PAGE 3

Italy hit with second quake

Just nine days after an earthquake killed seven people, Tuesday's quake left at least 16 people dead, with 350 injured PAGE 12

Is it a hotel or a gallery?

Metro profiles the five best hotels that combine a pleasant stay with an infusion of some fine art PAGE 26

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Open house for public

Vancouver opens up about viaducts

Goodbye, viaducts; hello, park space.

Vancouver city staff revealed their preferred concept plan for the Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts Tuesday, opting to do away with the elevated roadways in favour of 25.25 acres of unobstructed parkland in northeast False Creek.

The concept plan — created by Vancouver planning and engineering staff, consultants and ideas from a high-profile public-design contest — will be presented to the public through three open houses between June 5 and June 9.

According to the presentation, the viaducts carry just half of the vehicle traffic (750 vehicles per lane during peak hours), they were designed for, would cost up to $10 million to maintain over the next 15 years, squander the undeveloped land below and cut off communities from the seawall.

Under the proposal, Pacific and Expo boulevards would be merged and aligned with the SkyTrain tracks, creating a 13 per cent increase in park space.

"I think it's a huge turning point in the city's approach to the area," said Coun. Geoff Meggs.

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City of Vancouver's vision of northeast False Creek without the Dunsmuir and Georgia viaducts.
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Richard Branson answers questions with Premier Christy Clark during a news conference, at YVR in Vancouver on Thursday, during which she accepted his invitation to go kitesurfing. He later wrote a blog post saying that the dress code for kitesurfing with him is nude. KATE WEBB/METRO

Branson catches heat for saucy comment to Premier

R-E-S-P-E-C-T.
To Christy Clark, it means no nude-kitesurfing remarks from billionaire CEOs

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Premier Christy Clark fired back at a suggestion by Richard Branson that she kitesurf naked with him Tuesday, calling his invitation disrespectful.

"Somebody said to me as a joke that if that's his best pick-up line, then maybe there's a reason he called his company Virgin," the Liberal leader quipped when asked about the billionaire's brazen blog post during a scrum in Victoria.

"I just don't think it's very respectful, and the thing is that, you know, lots of young women I hope want to run for politics, and I think when you meet with the CEO of a billion-dollar company who wants to do business with your province you can get a little bit more respectful treatment than that."

The backlash came from all sides of the political spectrum. Former NDP staffer turned political pundit Bill Tieleman took to Twitter Monday to demand that Branson apologize.

Kathleen Cross, a senior communications lecturer at Simon Fraser University who studies news and gender, said the Virgin Group chairman's comments create a no-win public-relations predicament for Clark. If she takes it in stride, it could undermine her authority as premier, Cross said, but if she bristles too much it looks like she can't take a joke.

"Anything can be taken as a joke. Whether it's an appropriate joke or not depends on what your views are on gender relations. And if you want women to be taken seriously as politicians, then there's a different dynamic," Cross said.

"I would agree with Bill Tieleman in saying that he should probably apologize, but it's also more a representation of Richard Branson as someone who can only see women in a sexual way, no matter what their position is. Thank goodness he's not a politician."

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Powerful woman

- **Kathleen Cross added she thinks Clark has been fairly successful at not being overly sexualized in her position, notwithstanding the controversy that ensued last fall when former NDP MLA David Schreck tweeted his opinion that her neckline was too revealing.**

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On the web

Dark Knight under the sea

The underwater world has its very own Batman. It carries the shape of the Batman symbol comic fans know all too well, and it's baffling scientists. Watch this and other bizarre aquatic phenomena at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Many Canadian kids are failing to make the grade when it comes to reaching physical-activity targets, with too few hours devoted to active play and too much free time looking at TV and computer screens. Scan the code to read more.

Surrey. High-profile murder investigator named as new RCMP commander

One of the lead RCMP officers in the investigation of serial murderer Robert Pickton is taking over as officer in charge of the Mounties' largest detachment in Canada.

Supt. Bill Fordy has been named commander of the detachment in Surrey, B.C., and assumes his new duties on June 4. He takes over from Asst. Cmdr. Fraser MacRae, who is retiring.

Fordy began his career as a constable in the 661 member Surrey detachment in 1989 and returned to the detachment in 2011 as the officer in charge of investigative services.

Between those years, he also worked in the Mounties' polygraph section and helped create an RCMP E-Division interview team responsible for investigating serious cases, including numerous high-profile murders as well as sexual offences and police corruption.

Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts says Fordy brings a wealth of experience to the role of police chief and she looks forward to working with him to enhance public-safety initiatives and bring creative solutions to policing in Surrey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stepfather pimped me: Teen testifies

A teenage girl has told a court in Penticton that her stepfather forced her to work as a prostitute beginning at the age of 16. The man, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the victim, faces 10 charges including sexual interference of a person under 14. CKOR

Man wants $9.2M in legal costs after Air India acquittal

A Vancouver court has been told a man has failed to show that Crown prosecutors acted maliciously when they took him to trial on charges related to the Air India terror bombings in 1985. Ripudaman Singh Malik seeks $9.2 million in legal costs from the case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Japanese-Canadian students to get a degree of justice

Internment. More than 20,000 Japanese Canadians forced from their homes in 1942

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A photo, dated April 24, 1937, of the UBC Japanese Students' Club's fifth annual graduation banquet. UBC is honouring its former Japanese-Canadian students who were forced to abandon their studies after being interned during the Second World War. JAPANESE CANADIAN PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, RARE BOOKS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS/UBC LIBRARY

It's a righting of a 70-year wrong.

Seventy-six Japanese-Canadian UBC students, who are now in their 90s, will be granted honorary degrees Wednesday after being forced to leave their studies when they were interned during the Second World War.

In 1942, more than 20,000 Japanese Canadians were forced out of their homes into internment, war and labour camps.

Miko Hoffman, executive director of the Nikkei National Museum in Burnaby, said this is a long-overdue recognition for the students' hard work.

She also thanked Mary Kitagawa — who wasn't one of the 76 students who had to leave UBC but led a three-year campaign to recognize the students — for making it happen.

"I hope the students and families are feeling a sense of pride and achievement, as they certainly deserve it," she said, adding that this special ceremony will hopefully educate the public more about the injustices Japanese Canadians suffered during the internment.

Alden Habacon, director of intercultural understanding strategy development at UBC, said there are 22 living students, but only 10 will be able to get their degrees in person.

"There will be sense of closure for the students and their families," he said. "This is UBC saying, 'You were always one of us.'"

"There is this great sense for the families of a righting of a wrong," Habacon said, adding this was UBC's acknowledgement of its role in the 1942 injustice.

The ceremony takes place at the Chan Centre at 4 p.m.

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B.C.'s NDP are app-t to engage non-voters

In the loop. The NDP are the first political party at the provincial level to launch an app

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Want to know what the B.C. New Democrats are up to? There's an app for that.

The NDP, which has been surging ahead of Premier Christy's Clarks Liberals in recent polls, launched a free app Tuesday that connects people with Adrian Dix and the New Democrat team.

The new app for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch features news, photos, videos and social media updates.

Surrey-Tynehead NDP Candidate Raj Hundal said the NDP is the first political party at the provincial level in B.C. to launch an app. He said the party has been looking at ways to engage non-voters to participate in the upcoming elections.

"It also lets users get involved in their local constituency," he said. "When I'm knocking on doors and meeting people, it's not always easy engaging with the younger generation and people who utilize social media."

"This is just an added step to encourage people to stay motivated and connected for them to participate not only in the 2013 election but in the democratic process as a whole," Hundal added.

The federal NDP released an app during Jack Layton's campaign last year. The app has since been updated with the new NDP leader Tom Mulcair.

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The B.C. NDP launched an iPhone app Tuesday that features news, photos, videos and social-media updates.
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RBC report

Home affordability drops in Vancouver

A new RBC Economics report shows Vancouver homeowners in the first three months of the year had to earmark 88.9 per cent of their monthly income to pay the mortgage, utilities and property taxes for a standard one-storey detached house.

Homes were more affordable in Calgary and Edmonton during the first quarter, with monthly home ownership costs pegged at just 32.4 per cent of pre-tax income for an Edmonton resident.

Home-owning costs also rose in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

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Policing

Feds to tackle RCMP discipline

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has pledged to bring forward legislation to remedy RCMP discipline after Commissioner Bob Paulson said current rules are preventing him from dealing quickly with abuse allegations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ongoing investigation

More charges in Stanley Cup riot

Seven more people — four from Vancouver and three from Sidney — face charges in the riot last year. This brings to 99 the total number of people who have been charged. Police say 13 people have pleaded guilty.

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2011 census

B.C. a province of geezers?

The 2011 census suggests more senior citizens live in B.C. than in any other province west of Quebec.

Since the 2006 census, the median age of Metro Vancouver residents has climbed to 40 from 39, and the numbers are similar elsewhere in the province.

Nearly half of all residents in Qualicum Beach on the Vancouver Island are aged 65 or over, far above the national average of roughly 15 per cent, while seniors make up 38 per cent of Penticton residents, 23 per cent in Vernon, 18 per cent in Metro Victoria and just under 12 per cent in Prince George.

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Cats killed to hurt people too: Expert

Forensic psychologist. Serial killers often start out by maiming animals

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A Maple Ridge cat killer could be engaging in the behaviour not only to hurt the animals, but also to harm the owners, a local psychologist says.

Seven mutilated cats were discovered in the small Fraser Valley suburb — between 217 and 230 streets — over the past week. That makes 22 dismembered cats found in the area by the SPCA since last June.

Dr. Stephen Hart, whose primary expertise is in forensic psychology and psychopathic personality disorder, said if only one person is responsible for the killings, it suggests the person does it to feel a sense of power and control over others.

"It's to cause pain and discomfort and to degrade the animals, but also to disturb people afterwards," Hart said. "It's not just cruelty to the animals. It's also cruelty to other people. It suggests somebody who is generally concerned about demeaning, controlling and humiliating other people."

He said it's possible the violence could escalate, pointing out that serial killers often start off mutilating animals before moving on to people. "It's relatively rare and often is something that may take years to make that escalation," he said.

Lorie Chortyk, spokesperson for the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, urged people to come forward with tips and to keep a close eye on their pets.

Greenpeace protest ends up being a bit of a blowout

Greenpeace activists hang a large banner off the Lions Gate Bridge in Vancouver on Tuesday morning reading "Save our coast, no tar sands pipelines." The banner was unfurled to protest a plan by Kinder Morgan to more than double the capacity of its existing pipeline from Alberta to Burnaby. Two protesters were also suspended from the bridge to try to weigh down the banner, but the sheet acted as a giant sail in the wind and it blew back under the bridge. It was removed about 40 minutes later and no commercial vessel traffic under the bridge was affected, although vehicle traffic on the bridge was backed up during the protest. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pandemonium. Biebs announces Vancouver concerts

Justin Bieber confirmed rumours Tuesday that he will play Vancouver on Oct. 10 at Rogers Arena, less than a week after conspicuously leaving the city off the official announcement about his North American Believe tour dates.

"2 more shows announced for #BELIEVEtour — Vancouver and 2nd night at Madison Square Garden," the Boyfriend singer tweeted, putting local fans' fears to rest.

Vancouver was left off the original announcement while the platinum-selling pop star's management waited for NHL dates at Rogers Arena to get worked out.

American Express will offer presale tickets for the show starting Wednesday, according to a tweet by Bieber's manager, Scooter Braun. Sales to the general public begin Friday at 10 a.m.

The Biebs will tour 45 North American cities starting Sept. 29 to promote his fourth studio album, Believe. The album, set to be released June 19, features guest appearances by Ludacris, Nicki Minaj, Drake and Big Sean.

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Kitsilano. Feds defend coast-guard-station closure

Marine safety was at the centre of a decision to close the Kitsilano coast-guard station in Vancouver and three marine communications centres in B.C., Ottawa says. Erin Filliter of Fisheries and Oceans said the reorganization will bring Vancouver into line with other ports, and a new inshore rescue boat, hovercraft, the coast guard auxiliary and other services will be able to handle emergency calls. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘I got tired of seeing Robert Dziekanski die’

Musical tribute.
Tasered man lives on in new operatic work

Repeatedly seeing video of Robert Dziekanski being stunned with a Taser by RCMP officers on national television inspired J.A. Wainwright to write an opera about the tragedy.

“Quite frankly, I got tired of seeing Robert Dziekanski die. I wanted to see him live,” said Wainwright, a poet and author.

The opera, titled I Will Fly Like a Bird, premieres on Thursday at the Scotia Festival of Music in Halifax. It tells the story of Dziekanski, an immigrant from Poland who died in 2007 after being repeatedly stunned by Mounties at the Vancouver airport.

His death attracted international attention when it was captured on video by a traveller.

Wainwright, who wrote the libretto for the opera, said he felt Dziekanski became part of a “media circus where we saw him die over and over again.”

“I wanted to deal with him as a human being rather than an image on the screen,” he said in a telephone interview from his home in Halifax.

The story is told through the imagined voices of Dziekanski and his mother, Zofia Cisowski.

It begins in Poland on the eve of Dziekanski’s departure, where he is celebrating with friends and discussing his aspirations, said John Plant, composer of the opera.

The story then moves to the flight itself, followed by the incident at the airport, and finishes with an elegy of sorts by Dziekanski’s mother, Plant said.

But the piece does not directly portray Dziekanski being stunned with the Taser, nor does it deal with the backlash felt by the RCMP after the incident, Wainwright said.

“It doesn’t focus in any direct way on the Taser, although it’s alluded to metaphorically and very powerfully in the music.”

Plant said the human emotion involved in Dziekanski’s story was easily translated into a musical piece.

“This was such a trauma ... not just for the people involved, but for Canadians as well, to know that this sort of thing could happen,” said Plant, who has been writing the piece for more than two years.

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Quoted

“To give Robert a voice and to give his mother a voice, opera can do that very powerfully.”
John Plant, composer of I Will Fly Like a Bird

Bass baritone Clayton Kennedy rehearses for the opera I Will Fly Like a Bird: A Tribute to Robert Dziekanski in a Halifax studio on Tuesday.
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Global pariah. Canada expels Syrian diplomats over Houla massacre

Canada joined allies across the world Tuesday in expelling Syrian diplomats, as the slaughter of the innocent in Houla provoked a broad severing of global ties with the pariah Assad regime in Damascus.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Canada was expelling Syrian diplomats in the wake of the weekend massacre in Houla. The United Nations said 108 people died in the massacre, including 49 children and 34 women — one of the deadliest events in the 15-month uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Canada took part in a coordinated diplomatic offensive along with the United States, Britain, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and the Netherlands as the UN revealed more gruesome details of the events in Houla. Apparently the massacre included the close-range shootings of scores of children and parents in their homes.

The report did not specify who carried out most of the killings.

The Syrian embassy in downtown Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baird said all remaining diplomats in Ottawa and their families have five days to leave Canada. As is the case in several other countries, Syria's ranking diplomat is a charge d'affairs, not an ambassador.

As well, another Syrian diplomat waiting to come to Canada will be refused entry.

Baird said Canadians, like other people around the world, were horrified to learn on the weekend about the massacre, including nearly three dozen children under the age of 10.

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Severed foot sent to Conservative Party headquarters

Grisly discovery. Police intercept another package containing another body part hours later

Ottawa police say a second package containing a body part was found just hours after a stunned Conservative party receptionist opened a blood-soaked box containing a human foot.

The first was found Tuesday morning in a package that had been delivered to the party's headquarters a few scant blocks from Parliament Hill.

As a result of further investigation, Ottawa police said Tuesday night that they intercepted a second suspicious package containing another human body part.

Police released no other details about the second find, and said the major crime section continues to investigate.

Police remove a package containing a human foot from the Conservative Party headquarters in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuesday morning's macabre discovery led to a pre-noon call to police and paramedics about a suspicious package.

Ottawa police were consulting with their counterparts in Montreal after they discovered a severed torso in a suitcase.

Authorities in both cities are trying to determine if there might be a link to the foot mailed to Conservative party headquarters.

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Nepal

Body of climber taken off Everest

The body of a Canadian woman who died while returning from the summit of Mount Everest has been brought off the world's tallest mountain.

A spokesman from Utmost Adventure Trekking said Shriya Shah-Klorfine's body has been taken via helicopter from Mount Everest to her family in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu.

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Weather woes

Freak rainstorm floods Montreal

A wall of rain collapsed onto Montreal in one torrential instant that flooded city streets, closed subway stations, caused power failures, damaged private property and forced evacuations from public buildings Tuesday.

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Mass killer

Breivik's friends suspect he's gay

Is confessed Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik gay?

Former friends of Breivik say he often expressed feminine tendencies and led some to believe he may be gay.

Three of the 33-year-old's former friends told an Oslo court on Tuesday that five years before he massacred 77 people in July, he moved back to live with his mother and ended all social contacts.

The friends, who did not want to be named, gave testimony during Breivik's trial as the defendant watched.

Breivik killed 69 people in a shooting spree on Utoya island on July 22 after setting off a bomb in Oslo that claimed eight lives.

Since May 11, survivors have given detailed accounts of how Breivik's emotionless "killing machine" hunted people down on the island, shooting them one by one.

Breivik has admitted to the killings, but denies criminal guilt.

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Again! Just nine days later, new quake misery hits Italy

Terror strikes at 9 a.m. Factories, barns, warehouses crumple — woman found alive after lying 12 hours in rubble of apartment

Workers at the small machinery company had just returned for their first shift following Italy's powerful and deadly quake earlier this month when another one struck, collapsing the roof.

At least three employees at the factory — two immigrants and an Italian engineer checking the building's stability — were among those killed Tuesday in the second deadly quake in nine days to strike a region of Italy that hadn't considered itself particularly quake-prone.

By late Tuesday, the death toll stood at 16, with one person missing: A worker at the machinery factory in the small town of San Felice Sul Panaro. Some 350 people also were injured in the 5.8-magnitude quake north of Bologna in Emilia Romagna, one of Italy's more productive agricultural and industrial regions. Originally government officials had put the death toll at 17, and there was no immediately explanation for the lowered figure.

The injured included a 65-year-old woman who was pulled out alive by rescuers after lying for 12 hours in the rubble of her apartment's kitchen in Cavezzo, another town hard hit by the quake. Firefighters told Sky TG24 TV that a piece of furniture, which had toppled over, saved her from being crushed by the wreckage. She was taken to a hospital for treatment.

The building had been damaged in the first quake, on May 20, and had been vacant since. The woman had just gone back inside it Tuesday morning to retrieve some clothes when the latest temblor knocked down the building, firefighters said.

Factories, barns and churches fell, dealing a second blow to a region where thousands remained homeless from the May 20 temblor, much stronger in intensity, at 6.0 magnitude.

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Rescue workers send dogs into the wreckage of a quake-hit factory in Medolla, northern Italy, on Tuesday as they search for three workers reported missing. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How to restore the voters' shattered trust?

Election chief's top priority. Robocall scandal may spark legislative changes to curb call centres, top official says

Restoring trust in the integrity of the electoral system is a top priority for Elections Canada.

The watchdog agency aims to repair damage inflicted by the robocall scandal and irregularities that caused the election in one Toronto riding to be overturned.

Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand said Tuesday the agency is reviewing its procedures.

It may yet recommend legislative changes.

Among the possible solutions, he said, are regulating the manner in which automated and live call centres are used to contact voters and ensuring exorbitant legal costs don't prevent individuals from challenging dubious election results.

The investigation into complaints of robocalls during last spring's election is continuing.

But regardless of its outcome, Mayrand said the agency intends to recommend improvements to the Canada Elections Act to deal with the use of new technologies.

Mayrand said Elections Canada is also moving to address problems exposed by a recent court ruling that overturned the result in Toronto's Etobicoke Centre.

Judge Thomas Lederer set aside 79 ballots due to clerical errors, primarily involving improperly filled-out voter registration and vouching certificates, some of which have disappeared altogether.

The Conservatives, who won the riding by just 26 votes, are appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court.

Mayrand said voters should take consolation from the fact the judge found problems in Etobicoke were the result of "an unacceptable number of clerical errors" by well-meaning local officials, not corruption or fraud.

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Flurry of complaints

1,100

In the robocall case, Mayrand told a House of Commons committee that Elections Canada has now received 1,100 complaints from voters who say they received harassing or misleading phone calls directing them to phoney polling stations during last spring's election.

By thunder, that's a rainstorm

Talk about water, water everywhere ... Thunder Bay, Ont. got more than its share this week. Heavy rains and flooding forced the city to declare a state of emergency as homes were swamped and sewer systems worked at full capacity. Here, city workers Steve Alexander and Silvio Pratola clear debris from a storm drain.

BRENT LINTON/THUNDER BAY CHRONICLE-JOURNAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soaring toll

70,000 seals killed in this year's hunt

The fisheries minister of Newfoundland and Labrador says 70,000 harp seals have been killed during this year's seal hunt. That's nearly twice the number killed last year.

Darin King told the provincial legislature that 680 sealers took part in this year's hunt, which had an allowable catch of 400,000. About 38,000 harp seals were killed last year.

King says he thinks the higher catch level reflects an opening of markets in Asia, an argument animal-rights groups contest.

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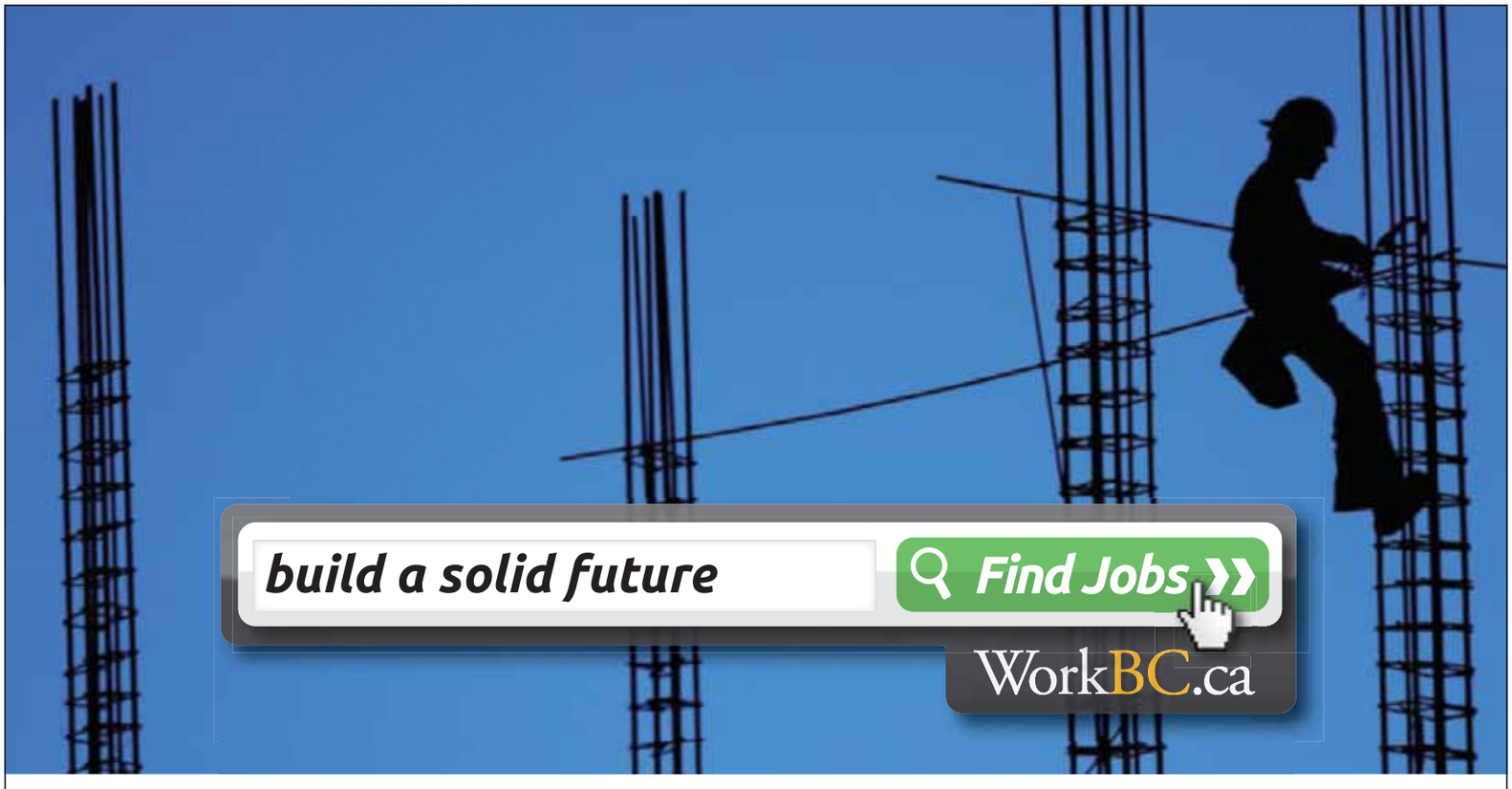

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Bob Dylan among medal recipients

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In awarding America's highest civilian honour to 13 recipients, living and dead, the president took note of the overflow crowd in the East Room and said it was "a testament to how cool this group is. Everybody wanted to check 'em out."

Obama then spoke of his personal connection to a number of this year's recipients, calling them his heroes.

"I know how they impacted my life," the president said. He recalled reading Morrison's Song of Solomon in his youth and "not just trying to figure out how to write, but also how to be and how to think."

In college days, Obama said, he listened to Dylan and recalled "my world opening up, because he captured something about this country that was so vital." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I understand that the impact these people have had extends beyond me. It will continue for generations to come." U.S. President Barack Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama presents rock legend Bob Dylan with a Medal of Freedom on Tuesday at the White House. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ban revoked

Racy 50 Shades returning to Florida libraries

A Florida county is putting the racy romance trilogy Fifty Shades of Grey back on its library shelves.

The Brevard County Library System had pulled 19 copies of the bestsellers from its bookshelves earlier this month. County officials said the decision was made after they read reviews of the trilogy. A county spokesman also called the books "semi-pornographic."

On Monday, the county announced that the books would be available immediately through the library in response to requests from residents. Services director Cathy Schweinsberg said the library was against censorship.

Libraries in several states have banned the trilogy, saying it's too steamy or too poorly written.

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Caught on video

Racist rant lands British woman in prison

A British judge has jailed a woman whose racist tirade toward fellow subway riders went viral on YouTube.

Jacqueline Woodhouse, 42, boarded the subway drunk on the evening of Jan. 23 and began berating passengers with a profanity-filled, racist verbal assault.

A seven-minute video of it was uploaded to YouTube and viewed more than 200,000 times.

Judge Michael Snow sentenced Woodhouse to 21 weeks in jail on Tuesday in London, saying that anyone hearing her "grossly offensive" language would feel a "deep sense of shame."

She had pleaded guilty to one count of causing racially aggravated harassment, alarm or distress by using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour.

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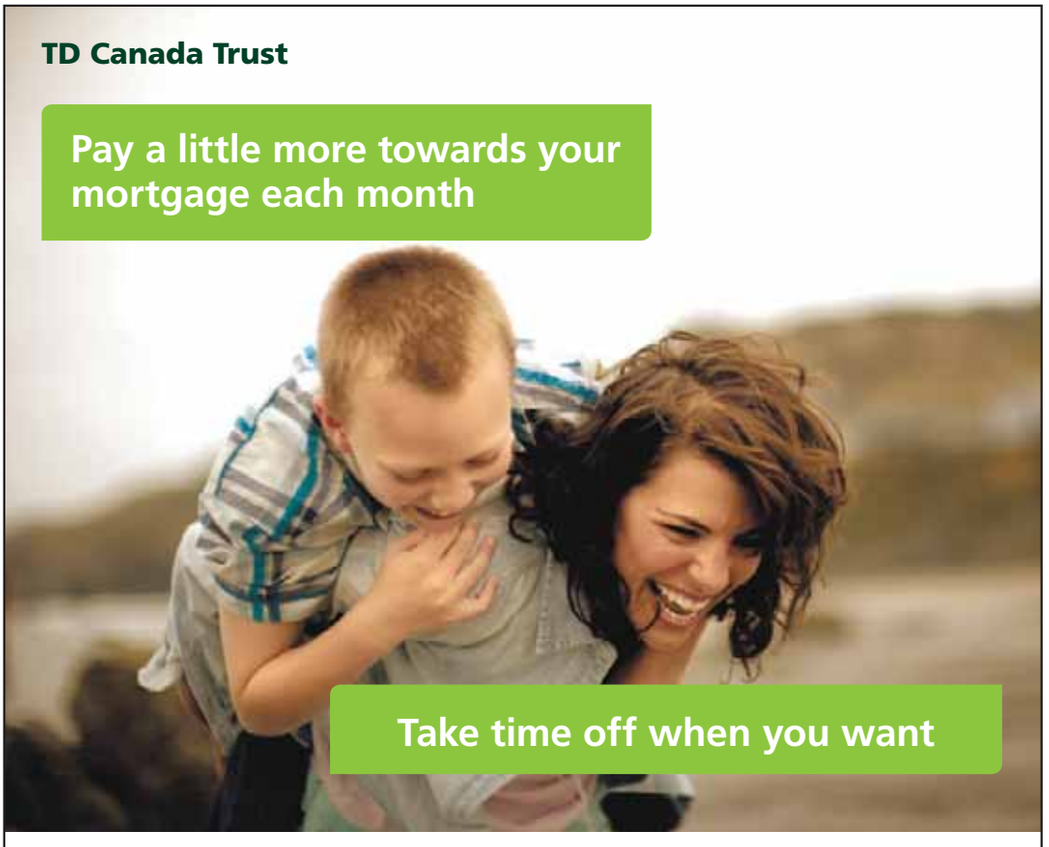
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The old, the young and the age of change

Census. Toddlers bust a move, but the oldsters just keep on coming, and the implications are only beginning to sink in

Canada is becoming a nation of the aging and the very young.

New census data shows Canada now has a higher proportion of seniors than ever before — a development that has crept up on society with far-reaching implications for health, finance, policy and everyday family relationships.

At the same time, the latest tranche of 2011 census information shows a surprising 11 per cent resurgence of toddlers — a burst of growth in the under-five population that is a complete reversal of trend-lines a decade ago and is rejuvenating every region of the country.

"I wouldn't call it a baby boom, although I think we can call it a significant increase," Laurent Martel, a demography expert at Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

Generally, though, the census shows in great detail what most people already know intuitively: Canada is aging quickly as the baby boomers mature.

The population of over-65ers has surged to nearly five million over the past five years, growing 14.1 per cent since the last official count, Statistics Canada says.

That's more than double the 5.9-per-cent increase for the population as a whole.

It's a trend that's poised to take on momentum. That's because near-seniors — people aged 60 to 64 — grew faster than any other group. Their population soared 29.1 per cent over the past five years, a pattern that will persist as they move up the age ladder.

They are the oldest edge of the baby-boom generation that includes three out of 10 Canadians, and has so dramatically shaped Canada's landscape for decades.

Young people, on the other hand, are a stagnating generation — despite the torrent of toddlers. The under-15 cohort is barely expanding, having edged up just 0.5 per cent over the past five years.

Children under 15 make up just 16.7 per cent of the population now, while seniors are at a record high of 14.8 per cent, and growing.

In just four years, Canada will face what demographers have dubbed "the cross-over": The day when there are more seniors than children.

The median age in Canada is now 40.6, the oldest ever, up from 39.5 five years ago and from 33.5 two decades ago.

Canada's population aging is a mix of longer lives and a growing number of people in their senior years, Martel said.

In 2011, there were 4,870 women and 955 men aged 100 or more — the second-fastest growing age group with a 25.7-per-cent rate of expansion.

Compared to other G8 countries, Canada's population is relatively young, and the proportion of seniors in Canada is among the lowest in the G8.

That's about to change, Martel warned: Canada had a bigger baby boom than other countries, and as people retire in droves, Canada's aging trend will pick up speed.

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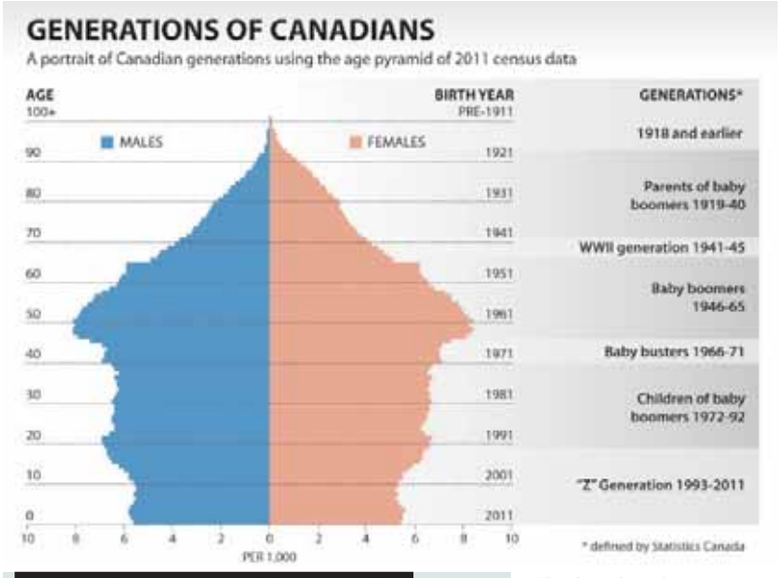

By the numbers: Youngest vs. oldest communities

- **Top-5 youngest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Mackenzie County, Alta.: 22.6 years
  Hanover, Man.: 27 years
  Grande Prairie, Alta.: 30.3 years
  Petawawa, Ont.: 30.4 years
  Cold Lake, Alta.: 30.5 years

- **Top-5 oldest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Parksville, B.C.: 58.2 years
  Elliot Lake, Ont.: 57.1 years
  Sidney, B.C.: 56.9 years
  White Rock, B.C.: 53.8 years
  North Saanich, B.C.: 53.7 years

Source: Statistics Canada (Based on median age)

Birth rate

Canada's baby bump is showing

More Canadians, it seems, are changing dirty diapers, serving up spoonfuls of mushy peas and getting tongue-tied over Dr. Seuss books before bed, if the latest census figures from Statistics Canada are any indication.

Previously released population statistics show more people in Canada are having children. The national birth rate increased slightly from 1.59 in 2006 to 1.67 in 2009. In Alberta, the rate is among the highest of the provinces; it was 1.8 in 2010.

Not surprisingly, the latest increase was felt most profoundly in the Prairies, which have become magnets for job-seeking, working-age families looking for a place to put down roots.

In Alberta, the growth rate among kids four and under was 20.9 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan at 19.6 per cent. Quebec also posted a strong increase at 17.5 per cent, as did Nunavut at 15.7 per cent.

Another reason for Canada's baby bump may simply be that there are more moms. Statistics Canada attributed the spike to modestly higher fertility rates in most regions, as well as a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — traditional child-rearing years.

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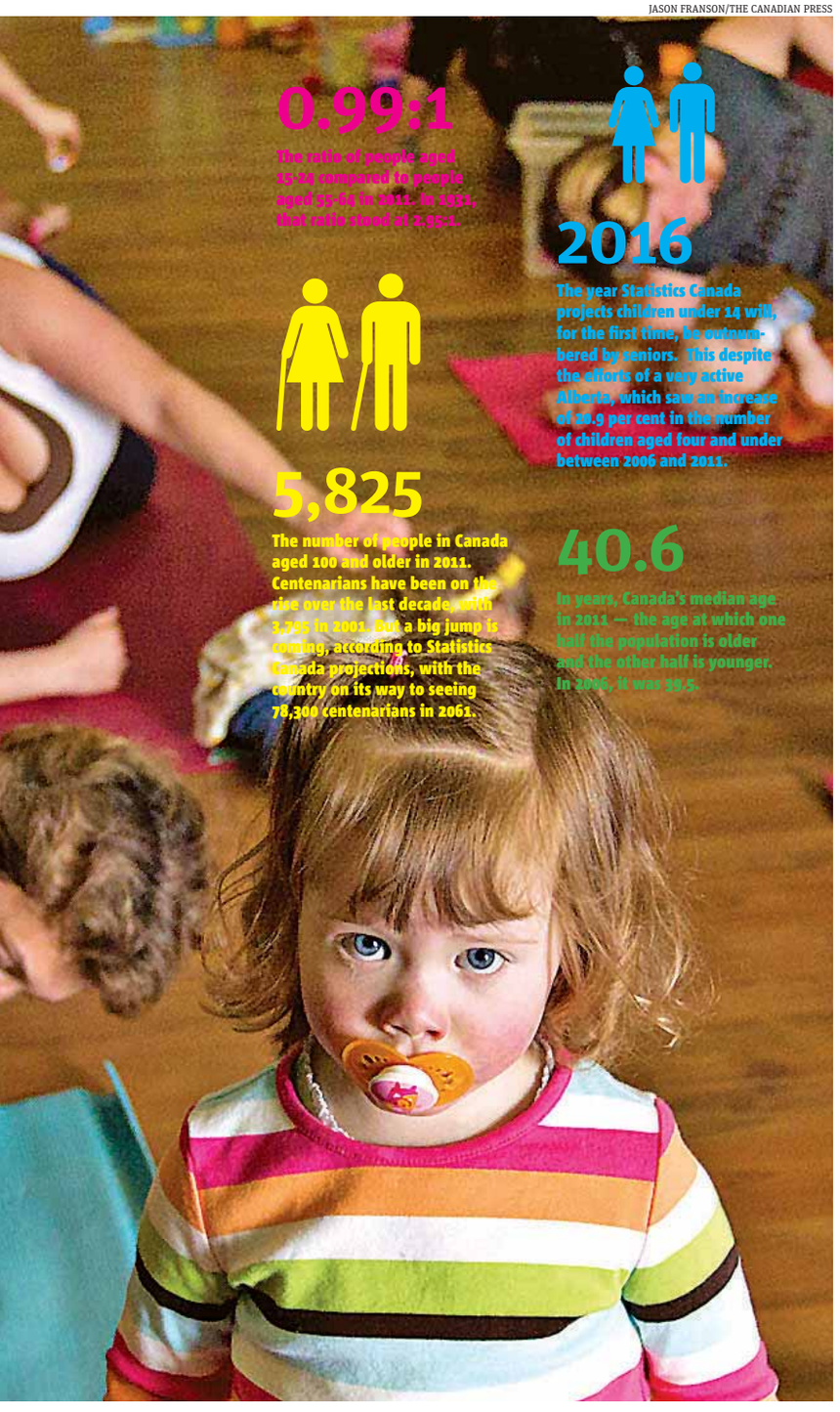
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The ratio of people aged 25-44 compared to people aged 55-64 in 2011. In 1931, that ratio stood at 2.95:1.
2016
The year Statistics Canada projects children under 14 will, for the first time, be outnumbered by seniors. This despite the efforts of a very active Alberta, which saw an increase of 20.9 per cent in the number of children aged four and under between 2006 and 2011.
5,825
The number of people in Canada aged 100 and older in 2011. Centenarians have been on the rise over the last decade, with 3,795 in 2001. But a big jump is coming, according to Statistics Canada projections, with the country on its way to seeing 78,300 centenarians in 2061.
40.6
In years, Canada's median age in 2011 — the age at which one half the population is older and the other half is younger. In 2006, it was 39.5.

Women are turning the big, big wheels

Kolby Nepoose has had a lot of jobs at places that would probably sound familiar to many young women — grocery store, health-care centre, coffee shop, bank.

Eventually, though, the lure of sitting at a desk began to fade.

"I just found my work really tedious, sitting at the computer all day," said Nepoose, 25.

So she found something different — way different. She now works at Mammoet, a Dutch multinational that builds and operates heavy lift and transport equipment. Nepoose — booted, hard-hatted and overalled — is working towards a journeyman's ticket as a crane operator.

Workers like Nepoose are still rare: In 2007, only about two per cent of those employed in non-service-sector trades were women. But those numbers are increasing.

JudyLynn Archer is trying to be part of that solution. She leads an Edmonton organization called Women Building Futures, which offers pre-apprenticeship programs to introduce women to trades from carpentry to welding to pipefitting.

A total of 3,000 women contacted Women Building Futures last year looking for information on the trades. About 190 from across Canada are expected to graduate this year, almost all directly into jobs or apprenticeships.

Renee Jones, first-year apprentice crane operator, is seen on a RT 65-tonne crane that she operates at Mammoet, in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

Women "drive with less ego."

JudyLynn Archer of Women Building Futures, who said employers tell her women are easier on heavy equipment — more vigilant with preventative maintenance and safety checks and gentler on the huge and hugely expensive tires the big stuff rolls on.

"If we had 2,000 today, they could all be placed, working," Archer said. "The demand is unbelievable."

Women are fitting in just fine on job sites across the province, she added.

Companies "are very happy with their female employees. They show up every day, they have a strong attention to detail and they're more loyal."

Still, she said, employers are just starting to see women as part of the solution to Canada's coming shortage of skilled labour.

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WHERE THE SENIORS ARE

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of seniors, according to 2011 census data:

NUMBER OF YOUNG CHILDREN ON THE RISE

Growth and the number of children aged 4 and under by province:

	2011 POP.	PER CENT GROWTH SINCE 2006
CANADA	1,877,095	11.0
Nfld. & Labrador	24,495	7.2
Prince Edward Island	7,275	8.7
Nova Scotia	43,980	4.6
New Brunswick	36,530	6.1
Quebec	440,840	17.5
Ontario	704,265	5.0
Manitoba	77,180	13.1
Saskatchewan	68,760	19.6
Alberta	244,880	20.9
British Columbia	219,670	8.8
Yukon	1,980	13.8
N.W.T.	3,285	9.0
Nunavut	3,970	15.7

On the web

Go to metronews.ca/features to:

- Take the census 2011 quiz.
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- **Watch videos.** Canadians say just "how old is old?"; seniors give longevity tips.

How old is old? 'It's how you feel'

Ask Alan Wilson to define "old" and he answers with a hearty chuckle.

"It's just a number; it's how you feel," said Wilson, a spry 82-year-old who teaches line-dancing classes at a seniors' recreation centre in Peterborough, Ont.

"I had a heart attack 10 years ago and that didn't hold me back at all."

To Wilson and many of his friends, being old is a state of mind — one that Canada's increasingly active senior set is choosing to ignore as the leading edge of the baby boom reaches the traditional retirement age of 65.

So, it's a fair question: How old is old?

The point at which health concerns become real-life realities is when a person can truly be considered "old," said Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), Canada's leading seniors' advocacy organization.

"Where the rubber hits the road is when old becomes a limitation," said Eng.

And rather than deny that true old age — with its eventual drawbacks — will hit them one day, it's vital that modern seniors embrace their aging, she added.

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Quarterly measure of home affordability deteriorates: RBC

Mortgages. Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa follow same trend; affordability unchanged in Calgary, improved in Edmonton compared with the fourth quarter of 2011

It's getting more difficult to pay for the costs of owning a home in Canada and the situation will likely worsen, the Royal Bank said Tuesday.

The RBC reports that rising house prices were responsible for a modest deterioration in home affordability in the first few months of 2012 after two quarterly improvements, but warns that rising interest rates are the more pressing concern long-term.

RBC's affordability index for a detached bungalow stood at 43.1 per cent of income nationally in the first quarter, up 0.8 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2011 and up 1.5 percentage points from the first quarter of 2011. That figure assumes an average home price of $360,500 for a 1,200-square-foot, one-storey house and $77,900 in annual qualifying income. Based on those figures, an owner would need to spend 43.1 per cent of his or her annual income to pay for mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes.

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New York City to run fuel-efficient taxis

Nissan Motor Co.'s gas-engine NV200 vehicle is displayed at the automaker's headquarters in Yokohama, near Tokyo, Tuesday. The NV200 vehicle is set to start running as New York taxis in October 2013. Nissan is supplying New York City with fuel-efficient cabs, including six electric cars for testing, but acknowledged uncertainties Tuesday about an ongoing "debate" over charging standards for electric vehicles.

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Energy sector. Report warns of labour shortage

A report warns an aging workforce and a booming energy sector are going to pose a serious challenge for oil and gas companies looking for workers over the next few years.

The Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada says the industry will have to fill at least 9,500 jobs by 2015.

The report says the energy industry is at risk of losing about three per cent of its workforce overall because of persistently low natural gas prices.

But it says growth in certain operations and age-related attrition will offset any job losses and lead to increased hiring needs.

The outlook projects employment in Alberta's oilsands to jump by 29 per cent over 2011 levels, or roughly 5,850 jobs. The pipeline sector will add about 530 jobs over the same time period.

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"Age is a factor that you just can't tinker with too easily ... so it is serious."

Cheryl Knight, executive director and CEO of the petroleum council

Online piracy

Dutch lawmakers vote to reject treaty

Dutch lawmakers adopted a motion Tuesday urging the government not to sign a controversial international treaty aimed at reining in online piracy. The motion was another setback for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, known as ACTA, which has run into opposition around the world. The European Union suspended efforts to ratify the treaty in February amid a storm of protest from activists who say the agreement would stifle free speech and access to information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Russian researchers discover massive new cyber-weapon

'Flame.' Virus can turn infected computers into listening devices and even have them suck info out of nearby cellphones

A massive data-slurping cyber-weapon is circulating in the Middle East, a Russian Internet-security firm reported Monday, saying that computers in Iran appear to have been particularly affected.

The virus, dubbed "Flame," is unprecedented both in terms of its size and complexity, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab ZAO reported, saying it possesses the ability to turn infected computers into listening devices and even suck information out from nearby cellphones.

The announcement sent a ripple of excitement across the computer-security sector. Flame is the third major cyber-weapon discovered in the past two years, and Kaspersky's conclusion that it was crafted at the behest of a national government fuelled speculation that the virus could be part of an Israeli-backed campaign of electronic sabotage aimed at archrival Iran.

Some evidence suggests that the people behind Flame also helped craft Stuxnet, a notorious virus that disrupted controls of some nuclear centrifuges in Iran in 2010, according to Ilan Froimovici, the technical director at Power Communications, which represents Kaspersky in Israel.

The two codes "use the same vulnerabilities in the operating system and the computer infrastructure in order to infect the computer system. We do believe that the same programmers built the two codes," he said.

Stuxnet revolutionized the cyber-security field because it targeted physical infrastructure rather than data, one of the first demonstrations of how savvy hackers can take control of industrial systems to wreak havoc.

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'Very unusual' virus

Alan Woodward, a professor of computing at the University of Surrey in southern England, compared the virus to a smartphone — depending on what kind of espionage you want to carry out, "you just add apps."

- He said Flame can turn an infected computer into a kind of "industrial vacuum cleaner," copying data from vulnerable cellphones or other devices left near it.

New Nest knows best temp

The Nest Learning Thermostat, shown above, went on sale to Canadians on Tuesday for $249 US — the first country outside the U.S. to get access to the buzzed-about product. Company co-founder Tony Fadell — the lead designer of the iconic iPods and iPhones before leaving Apple in 2005 — thinks Canadian homeowners are ready to spring for a high-tech, premium-priced thermostat, just as they've embraced Apple's slick but pricey smartphones and tablets. The Nest doesn't need to be programmed and instead learns what temperatures owners like to keep their home at during different times. After a few days, the unit will be able to go on auto-pilot and automatically shift the temperature up and down, Fadell said. It can also sense when the house is empty and turn down the furnace or air conditioner, or users can remotely make adjustments with a web browser or app. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall Street

Facebook stock falls below $30 US

Facebook's stock has fallen below $30 US for the first time since its much-awaited public debut this month.

The stock fell $3.07, or 9.6 per cent, to close at $28.84 on Tuesday. That's down 24 per cent since its public stock debut. It went as low as $28.65 earlier in the day.

Facebook Inc. began trading publicly on May 18 following one of the most anticipated stock offerings in history.

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DADS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS

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Justin Halpern is a testament to the power of Twitter.

A lovable loser who was dumped by his girlfriend, he moved back home and started mining his father's advice, salted liberally with profanity, and tweeting it to his followers, who grew into the millions.

Eventually, that turned into a book contract, then a book called S--t My Dad Says, then a sitcom starring William Shatner as "Dad," now another book, this one called I Suck at Girls. And he has already sold the TV rights.

As Dad says: "Any idiot can get lucky once. Takes a special idiot to get lucky twice." Gee, thanks.

Father-son code

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me. 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

Oh, and Justin eventually got — and married — the girl, so maybe he doesn't actually suck at girls.

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me. 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

After a while, the charm of wondering whether any request for advice was going to be met with either option 1) or 2) wore off, and I stopped asking. I mean, I already had three jobs and always passed the salt. As far as I could tell, following instructions failed to help with girls.

One of my earliest attempts at romance failed when the object of my affections said I'd make "some girl a great husband." Which at the time sounded like a crushing put down. Which it was. Even worse, I'm not even sure my actual wife would agree.

Justin says that when his wife-to-be broke up with him the first time, it was his lucky day. Otherwise he never would have moved back home and tweeted Dirty Dad to riches and fame.

I had the same kind of bittersweet formative love life: When I was 16, I met a terrific girl with terrific red hair and a terrific itsy-bitsy teeny-weenie yellow polka dot bikini. Unfortunately, she also came with a psychopath named Ray who owned a Harley.

So I was curious what Sam Halpern had to say about the inhabitants of Venus.

Here's the cleanest I could find. "No, you can be ugly and get laid. You just gotta be willing to sc--w someone uglier than you." Dad's a real piece of work.

I Suck at Girls is shot through with similarly colourful bromides. At one point, when he was nine, Justin asked Sam to explain the birds and the bees. "No," said Sam. "You don't even have hair on your balls."

I think I prefer "pass the salt" and "get a job."

According to a recent survey, Justin and I aren't the only ones getting bad advice from Dad. Turns out only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually experience an orgasm during sex, compared to 84 per cent of men.

Maybe we should all just get a job instead.

Justin Halpern FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

Royal portrait is rubbish

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Royalist art

The Queen has a button nose — literally

Jane Perkins
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Artist Jane Perkins has created three portraits of the Queen made from unwanted buttons, beads and small plastic toys.

The triptych depicts the monarch in three stages of life: during her Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. The above two are for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee. METRO WORLD NEWS

Perkins on her Queen art

- **Sum of many parts.** "I honestly cannot say how many separate items I have used in these portraits. Generally speaking, I use everything from small plastic toys, beads, broken jewelry, buttons, bottle tops and other small found objects to create my art. I get these materials from car boot sales and charity shops that can't sell them. I started out doing this art while making brooches in my final year in my degree in textiles. I was inspired by headdresses from Ecuador used in religious processions, many of which have been made from Barbie doll parts. While I don't consider myself an ardent royalist, I have enjoyed making the portraits of the Queen, particularly as making the crown with different shiny objects can be a very creative process."
- **How it's all pieced together.** "It doesn't take too long to make one portrait — only two weeks. First, I blow up an image of the person to a 70-by-50 centimetre size, and start sticking the various objects on top of the blow-ups themselves. As the colour of the blow-up photocopy is often faded, I always have an 'original', smaller but higher-resolution image to work from. This way, I can stay true to the original colours of the portraits when I add my items."
- **Artistic philosophy.** "I have serious views about recycling and reusing materials. We're drowning in so much unwanted stuff."

In numbers

129

is the number of portraits the Queen has sat down for during her reign. Lucien Freud's portrayal in 2001 proved to be the most controversial, with critics describing the sober likeness as "extremely unflattering."

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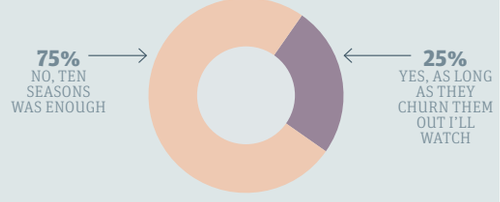

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@SChandraHerbert: celebrated Bike to Work Week in the Legislature, + invited Libs to field a team. The NDP Cycling 4 Change team is loving it. #btww #bcpoli

@littlemissrisk: Okay @erin_ireland I have just ingested chocolate bacon gelato. I now know what heaven tastes like. And addiction. #foodfetish

@geoffmeggs: City planners, engineers unveil bold new proposal for #viaducts, Georgia St. connection for public input http://ow.ly/bcOmi #reconnect ...

@kristennrv0: I'm loving the northwest! Wish it was easier for us to get around in Vancouver (no phones), but downtown is great!

@BradPine: @richardbranson I loved your Christy Clark kitesurf blog post. Haters can go fly a kite.

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Evil thoughts and threads

Snow White and the Huntsman. Dressed to kill — Charlize Theron shines as a wicked queen in beautiful but 'treacherous' costumes

Charlize Theron's evil queen costumes for Snow White and the Huntsman called for hundreds of hand-cut rooster feathers, thousands of iridescent beetle wings from Thailand and one particularly imposing crown.

The outfits, some of which are on view at an LA pop-up gallery ahead of the film's June 1 opening, represented a host of firsts for Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood.

From the leather piping on the pleats of the queen's wedding gown to the gauzy green metal trim on the beetle-wing dress, the nine-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner experimented with materials for director Rupert Sanders' dark take on the classic fairy tale.

"The idea of the fairy tale sets you free in a way because you can make it up," Atwood said. "And I love to make up stuff." She created an armoured ensemble fit for a queen by dressing up chain mail with rolled leather and horsehair trim and topping it off with a particularly pointy metal crown.

"We wanted to have a formidable silhouette," Atwood said, "and from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything." (Theron stands nearly six feet tall, the designer added.)

In Sanders' version of the Snow White story, Kristen Stewart portrays the only woman in the land fairer than Theron's evil queen Ravenna. The queen dispatches a huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to kill the young woman, but instead he becomes her mentor and protector.

Atwood took on the project after finishing work on Tim Burton's Dark Shadows, starring Johnny Depp. Atwood and Burton are frequent and successful collaborators. Her most recent Oscar was for his 2010 film Alice in Wonderland, and she earned nominations for her costumes in Burton's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street and Sleepy Hollow.

Atwood's Snow White costumes are miles — and eras — away from Dark Shadows.

"They don't resemble each other in any way," she said, "so it was fun to shift from one to the other and have a whole different world to think about."

And slide right into. Snow White director Sanders said Atwood's wardrobes "blend seamlessly into this world, and they speak volumes about the world and its characters."

Theron agreed. From the wedding dress, with its architectural shoulders that appear to be made from bones, to the twice-embroidered gown that eventually resembles an old, peeling skin, Atwood's costumes reflect the evil queen's obsession with appearances.

Academy-Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood with a costume from Snow White and the Huntsman in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems," Theron said. "In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

To minimize the actual onset torture, Atwood employed a team of about 50 people to help the actors in and out of the elaborate costumes.

But the beetle wings remain dangerous. Thousands of the hard, brittle wings decorate the evil queen's regal dress of silk and metal mesh.

"They're incredibly sharp, so I had to be careful about how I used them. If you hit them, you can hurt yourself," the designer said.

"They're quite treacherous, which really suited the character." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scene in brief

Citytv announces fall lineup

A new comedy from the creators of Will & Grace, the addition of late night host Jimmy Kimmel and the arrival of Katie Couric's daytime talk show are among the highlights of Citytv's fall slate of shows. Upcoming offerings include the buddy comedy Partners from Will & Grace creators David Kohan and Max Mutchnick, the odd-couple sibling sitcom Ben and Kate, Mindy Kaling's single-camera The Mindy Project and Reba McEntire's Malibu Country. Citytv says returning sitcoms include New Girl, 2 Broke Girls, Suburgatory, Don't Trust the B-- in Apartment 23 and Last Man Standing. Also back are the dramas Revenge, Person of Interest and Scandal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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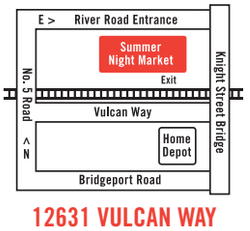

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Naughty nature: A guide for killer animal films

Piranha 3DD. In the hinterland who's who of cinema there are as many kinds of 'animals gone wild' movies as there are animals

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Getting up close and personal: Christopher Lloyd stars as Mr. Goodman in Piranha 3DD HANDOUT

This weekend Piranha 3DD dusts off not one, but two nature attacks genres.

First and foremost it falls squarely into the 'death from the briny depths' category. In the movie blood-crazed prehistoric fish nibble their way through a fresh pack of nubile teenagers at a water park, joining the likes of Jaws (hungry shark on the beach species), Mako: Jaws of Death (psychic sharks) and Tentacles (angry squid gets even with calamari eaters) and Piranha, the 1978 film about man eating fish at a summer resort ("They're eating the guests, sir."). Frankenfish features a genetically engineered fish who is a double threat — it swims and walks on land!

Piranha 3DD also falls into the 'hungry primeval creature' sub-genre. Most famous of this genre is Grizzly, a 1976 movie about an ancient 18-foot bear who snacks on campers.

On the other end of the scale are the 'mutated bug' movies. Tired of being squished under foot these critters are the product of scientific research or radioactive mutation. Them! and Empire of the Ants see radioactively modified ants acting up, while William Shatner battles killer web-slingers in Kingdom of the Spiders. In Spider one character sums up the plot with the line, "That spider is a killing machine!"

Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety.

Animals had gone wild on film before The Birds, but usually because they were tormented by their owners — King Kong — or victims of radiation — see 'chemically altered bug movies' — or hungry — Food of the Gods where giant chickens feed on humans — but Hitchcock's birds attack for no reason.

Next is the 'mother nature is angry' genus, and everyone knows it's best not to annoy Mother Earth. Everyone that is except the campers who learn that forest animals don't react kindly to having their home turned into a waste dump in Long Weekend.

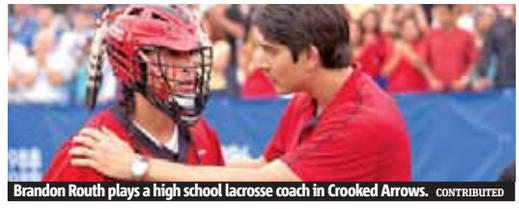
And finally there's the 'animal cage match', seen in Frogs, in which members of a rich Southern family are massacred by all manner of animals — birds, lizards and even butterflies — in payback for ruining the environment.

Leading the charge are the frogs, who live up to the film's advertising slogan, "TODAY — the Pond! TOMORROW — the World!"

Angry birds

"Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety."

From 'faster than a speeding bullet' to a Crooked Arrow



Brandon Routh plays a high school lacrosse coach in Crooked Arrows. CONTRIBUTED

A bit of a gamble. A wealthy businessman wants to put a casino in the aboriginal community where he grew up. The catch? He's got to coach lacrosse

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It's been six years since Brandon Routh donned a cape and leotards for his role as Superman in Superman Returns.

But is the 31-year-old actor softening on his man of steel reputation? It would seem so in his new film, Crooked Arrows. In the movie, Routh's athletic prowess is challenged by a high school lacrosse team that he's been charged with coaching. It ends in a sprint and embarrassment for the man who could once claim he was faster than a speeding bullet.

"I had to pull up a bit, that was an acting job," he insists, laughing. "I'm a bit older than those guys, but I'm still pretty fast." Regardless, Routh's character is more prodigal than super in Crooked Arrows. He plays half-Iroquois Joe Logan, a successful businessman and former high school lacrosse star who has lost touch with his Native American roots. When he returns to his community to convince his father, the chief, to build a casino on the land, his father and the rest of the council concede to the idea — on one condition — he coaches the high school lacrosse team that hasn't won a single game all season. Oh yeah, he also has to find his roots again.

Sound a bit like the Mighty Ducks? It is. The main difference is, of course, the sport and the role that Native American culture and spirituality play in the film. For Routh, the role was an opportunity to engross himself in some of his own background — his father's family has Kickapoo heritage. "Obviously the Iroquois nation is separate from (Kickapoo) but I was excited because I didn't have any contact with that culture in my family because we were so far removed," he says.

He also got to learn more about lacrosse, admitting his only exposure to the game before the film was a stint in Grade 8 phys-ed and the odd game on ESPN. "When you see me take some shots, I had to learn for that specific scene just so that I looked legit, which took a lot of time," he says.

The most important lesson he took from lacrosse, though, was the culture surrounding the sport. "Watching (Native Americans) play and hearing them talk about why they play gave me a lot of insight into how they live life. Just knowing that one reason they play this game is not to win, per se, but to entertain the creator. That's an interesting prospect and a lot more can be learned from participating in a sport if you play that way."

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The Word

Wayne Coyne shows us a new side of Erykah Badu

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Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of Erykah Badu, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

She's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit Express Yourself for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, Madonna mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knockoff when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of Express Yourself.

We're not sure what to think here: playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

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Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli dishes on her celebrity crushes

A few years with Leonardo DiCaprio has apparently made Bar Refaeli choosy when it comes to men.

"Justin Bieber and I are going to get married some day," she tells Us Weekly at the Maxim magazine Hot 100 party. (Refaeli came in at No. 1, by the way.) "I also like Tom Cruise. He's very classy. I liked him in Jerry Maguire and in roles like that." And while Refaeli's tastes skew A-list, they're not confined to men, as the Israeli model admits she has a massive girl-crush on Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence. "She's natural, she's down to earth. I think she's all that."

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Montreal's Ritz-Carlton shows off results of $200-million restoration.

The top five arty hotels

A crappy reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers just doesn't cut it in a boutique hotel trying to attract high-end, culturally demanding guests. Here are some hotels that combine style with the feel of an art gallery.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Hotel La Belle Juliette, Paris, France

In 2005, the photography-loving owners of Hotels Paris Rive Gauche, a group of boutique hotel gems in the French capital, commissioned photographers to capture the essence of a night's stay at one of their hotels in a single shot. The project proved such a hit that it inspired an annual "A hotel photo, an artist's view" photo prize and exhibition, to support up-and-coming photographers. Each month a different young photographer is invited to give their take on a night's stay at a HPRG hotel; the results are shown on phpa.fr and in an annual show in a gallery. hotel-belle-juliette-paris.com

Town Hall Hotel, London, England

The owners of this imposing hotel in the former Bethnal Green Town Hall commissioned seven artists to create works as it was being built. They integrate sensitively with the original features from the 1910s and 1930s and reflect the building's rich history; the art here is built into the hotel. So Debbie Lawson's wooden veneer Victorian-era ladies of the night are discreetly inlaid into the parquet floor that runs along the first floor corridor, and Zoe Mendelson's artwork lights up the 1930s original Town Hall safe in the reception. townhallhotel.com

The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Not only are the 37 rooms in Toronto's artiest and oldest continuously-operating hotel designed by artists, but the entire building is dedicated to art. A full-time curator organizes exhibitions in the four galleries, and the hotel hosts around 100 art events and exhibitions every year, as well as live performances, comedy, gigs, burlesque and creative courses. More than 4,000 art lovers flock to the annual Come Up To My Room festival, when artists and designers display their works, with sculptures throughout the corridors, the guestrooms and generally imposing their presence on the hotel's public spaces for four days. gladstonehotel.com

Gramercy Park Hotel, New York

It's not every night that you get to sleep beneath one of Damien Hirst's spin paintings, but you can do that at the Gramercy Park Hotel. This is hotel meets art museum. The flamboyant interiors of this grand hotel were reconceived by designer Ian Schrager and painter Julian Schnabel, whose work hangs above the fireplace. Priceless works are littered throughout this wildly creative space, from Basquiats and Andy Warhols discreetly hung in lounges alongside bespoke designer furniture pieces, to a vast scarlet Cy Twombly canvas in the lounge. gramercyparkhotel.com

The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

This luxurious hotel in Johannesburg has a strong sense of its African heritage – Nelson Mandela moved in here after he was released from his prison ordeal and wrote his famous autobiography, The Long Road to Freedom. The hotel recently invested in a significant collection of African art, acquiring more than 200 original artworks created by 11 emerging and established South African artists, giving guests the chance to fully immerse themselves in African culture. saxon.co.za

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Iceberg tours offer a prehistoric taste of the last ice age

Newfoundland. Nature's frozen sculptures from another era make for great sightseeing on the east coast

Six weeks after the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster showcased Iceberg Alley off Newfoundland, an early and plentiful show of the glacial sculptures is drawing visitors from around the world.

Tourists from Japan, South Africa, Europe, the U.S. and across Canada are lining up for their chance to admire these mammoth relics from the last ice age.

Huge white-and-aqua-blue blocks carved by wind and waves into towering pillars, contoured slabs and smooth Henry Moore-like shapes now dot the province's coastlines.

Capt. Barry Rogers, co-owner and operator of Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours with his wife Carol Anne Hayes, says it has already been the best iceberg viewing season off St. John's in recent years.

"Normally our season is the latter part of May and June.

"We've been doing iceberg tours since May 9, and with full boats," he said of the vessel that's equipped with a life raft for 75 people along with personal flotation devices. It typically carries between about 30 and 50 passengers, he said.

On a recent tour, Rogers steered the boat through St. John's Harbour, past the colourful clapboard houses of the Battery that hug Signal Hill, through the Narrows and out into the open North Atlantic. Cruising at about eight knots past Cape Spear's iconic flashing lighthouse, the most easterly point of North America, it wasn't long before relatively small but hazardous chunks of ice, or "bergy bits," could be seen in the water.

These rock-hard blocks of ice are feared by mariners for their ability to slice even the strongest hull like a can opener. Rogers said bergy bits are a major reason why he avoids night trips at this time of year.

Melting pieces of ice less than five metres long are called "growlers" for the sounds they make, "like a saucy dog" as they release air, he added.

A bit farther out, the boat's radar picked up something that was soon seen rising up from the water ahead. It was a tabular iceberg, about 90-metres long and 45-metres wide, flat on the surface where icy dust was visible alongside deepening crevices and cracks. Melt-water rushed off in places like small rivers.

"Awesome!" was the response from several passengers as Rogers asked what they thought.

"We're looking at 600 to 700 feet of water underneath us right now," the captain said, urging them to envision that 90 per cent of the berg's mass is submerged.

Rogers described over a microphone how the big slab likely split from glaciers that cover much of Greenland. They form a thick ice coating that creeps down hills and ridges, breaking off with a booming crash as it reaches the sea. Resulting bergs are believed to be at least 12,000-year-old frozen samples of some of the purest water on earth. They float because they're less dense than sea water.

Tourists are especially fascinated with icebergs because of the Titanic and a surging interest in Newfoundland and Labrador thanks to a hit advertising campaign, Rogers said. The International Ice Patrol, formed after a relatively small berg sank the great ship on April 15, 1912, to this day reports the movement of sea ice for those navigating these dangerous waters.

One crew member armed with a large fishing net captured a chunk of ice to chip into prehistoric cocktails.

"We sprinkle rum over the 12,000-year-old ice," Rogers said. "Where else would you get to consume something that's from the ice ages?"

Shane Sweeney, a crane operator from Peterborough, N.H., has seen glaciers in Alaska but was impressed with what he saw off Newfoundland. "Most places you go in the world you're not going to see ice floating around like that."

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Nathan Stanley and Steve Lake look at an iceberg in the North Atlantic. MIKE WERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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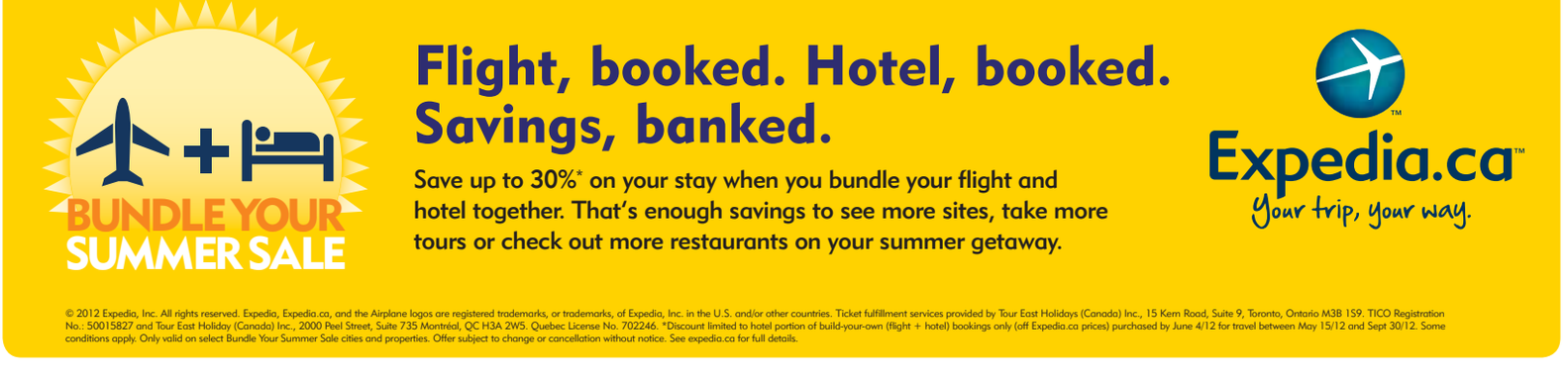
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Chaos is part of Bangkok's charm. But the savvy traveller quickly learns how to navigate Bangkok's legendary traffic jams and discover its soul. Bangkok is still one of the best deals in Asia. Some of the world's tastiest street food sells for as little as 25 baht (80 cents) a plate. But for the really cheap, here are some outings that are free:

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5 free things to do in Bangkok

1 Temple hopping

Catch some karma at Bangkok's many Buddhist temples, known in Thai as "wats." Some of the most popular, Wat Po and Wat Arun, ask foreigners to pay a minimal entrance fee but hundreds of others are free, including the impressive Temple of the Golden Mount, also known as Wat Saket. A temple compound's shaded walkways and quiet corners are a perfect place to escape the sensory overload on Bangkok's busy streets.

2 Flower Market

Bangkok's largest flower market, Pak Klong Talat, is open 24 hours but it's busiest just after 2 a.m. when traders unload their fresh-cut blossoms in bulk. It's a kaleidoscope of colours with an incredible selection of orchids at jaw-droppingly cheap prices. The market is just south of Wat Pho and not far from the Grand Palace in the historical section of old Bangkok.

3 Lumpini Park

Lumpini Park is an oasis of tropical gardens and paved jogging paths in the middle of the city. Beat the heat by avoiding the park in midday. There are early morning tai chi classes and after work aerobics classes. You can rent paddle boats, take the kids to one of Bangkok's best outdoor playgrounds or marvel at the massive monitor lizards in the lake.

4 Chatuchak Market

Browsing is free at the largest outdoor market in Thailand, and it's a sight to see whether or not you take something home. Chatuchak's thousands of stalls are divided into sections that include antiques, home decor, clothing and food. You can find everything from Buddha statues and Thai handicrafts to handmade jewelry and the occasional endangered species in the live animal section. For upscale, air-conditioned window shopping, head to shopping malls Siam Paragon, Emporium or Central World.

5 Patpong

For a walk on Bangkok's wild side, take an evening stroll along Patpong Road. It offers the incongruous mix of go-go bars and evening shopping. A thriving night market selling T-shirts, pirated DVDs and other souvenirs runs through the red-light district and spills onto the adjacent Silom Road, which is packed with street food vendors, restaurants and bars.

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Travel this August. If you haven't made plans, now's the time to start

Las Vegas

Holy rollers, it's hot here in August, but that's good news for you: It means (slightly) less tourists than usual. (Besides you'll be spending most of your time indoors anyway, doing things like reading "War and Peace" and studying Hebrew.) Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino is our choice for accommodation: It's got affordable rates, dancing ladies on the tables, and a pool whose sunlight is partially obscured by the hotel itself. Normally that'd be a negative but not in 107 F degree heat.

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Iceland

Ice in August? It floats in the The Jökulsár Lagoon, where icebergs go boom into the clear blue water. It's one of many natureized attractions in this beautiful land, where you'll also want to hit the considerably warmer Blue Lagoon, the country's famous geothermal pool. After an economic collapse, Iceland can still use tourists, and you can enjoy the affordability.

3

Northern Spain

Green valleys and blue seas, on a good budget: The rural locals in Galicia, Cantabria and Asturias probably resemble the countryside near where you life, except it's in high-definition, where the colors just pop. Check out the bookings website Casas Cantabricas (casas.co.uk) for places to sty. You can select from villas or more modest stays. And what to do? Hike. Eat seafood or visit a pintxo bar. Surf. And bring the family.

4

The coast of Morocco

Along the Atlantic, the water cools the area a bit, but just a bit — try Marrakech or nearby Tunsia, where the temperatures average a tolerable 21-39 C, and it rarely rains. If that sounds too toasty for you, pop into Marrakech's Bahia Palace (with domes of cedar) or the folk art shrine Tiskiwin Museum. And in Tunsia, embrace the sun and stay on the set of Star Wars planet Tatooine, at the Hotel Sidi Driss.

Goodness wrapped in paper

Black Cod. Asparagus and creme fraîche walnut sauce makes this one delicious meal

Simple, light and delicious, this recipe combines fresh herbs and spices that perfectly complement the rich butter flavour of the fish.

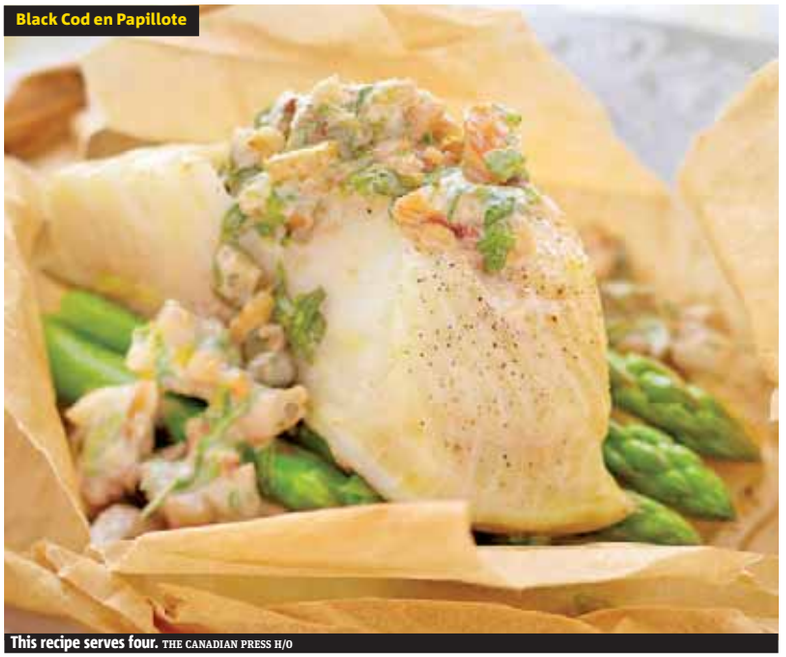
The combo of creme fraiche and walnuts add a crunchy twist to a delicately spiced, classic meal.

The creamy walnut sauce can also be served on top of chicken breasts or turkey. It makes a delicious vegetable dip as well.

1. Cut 4 circles of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches in diameter); set aside.

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnut pieces, coarsely chopped
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) creme fraîche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) walnut or olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, chopped
- 4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
- 20 asparagus spears, trimmed
- 4 pieces (each 150 g/4 oz) black cod



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2. In a bowl, combine walnuts, tarragon, creme fraiche, Dijon mustard, vinegar, walnut oil and capers; set aside.

3. Fold one parchment round in half and unfold. Spread one sliced potato in the centre of the bottom half of parchment. Place five asparagus spears on top of the potato and then lay the black cod on the asparagus.

4. Spoon 1/4 of the walnut mixture on top of the cod and fold the top half of parchment over. Seal edges by twisting and pressing the edges together in a half moon pattern. Repeat with remaining pieces of cod.

5. Place parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 to 25 minutes until parchment is lightly browned.

6. Remove from oven. Carefully cut a slit in the top of the packets, taking care as contents will be hot and steam may escape. Tear back edges of paper to reveal fish and serve.

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Salmon En Papillote. Elegant dish of fish & veggies

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

1. Prepare 2 sheets of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches); set aside.

2. In shallow dish, combine oil, garlic, dill and lemon juice; add fillets and coat. Refrigerate 4 hours.

3. In centre of each piece of parchment paper, arrange and evenly spread julienne vegetables the length of the fish, then place fillets on top of veg.

4. Fold bottom of parchment firmly over vegetables and fish, fold sides over to close, fold top down and wrap around to seal.

5. Place parcels, vegetable side down and side by side, in a slow cooker and close lid firmly. Cook on high for 2 hours. Be cautious when opening packages as there will be hot liquid.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped dill
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 salmon fillets
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) assorted julienne vegetables (such as carrots, zucchini, celery, red pepper)
- Fresh herbs finely chopped to garnish
- Salt and ground pepper, to taste

Student Voice

The hunt has been harder than expected

Addie Sorrell
Student
Advertising Media Sales student
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In 2006, I dropped out of tourism and travel to pursue my dream: music. I specialized in Music Business and Engineering at Fanshawe College in London, Ont., and the program was structured so well that it seemed I wouldn't have any trouble finding a job after graduation.

The initial search was hard, and it took me a couple months of applications and emails before I finally landed an internship at a small music label in Toronto. It was a three-month internship with a chance for more work, I was told. So I packed up and moved to Toronto.

Eventually I was asked to start doing some commission work, which included researching bands and video editing. However, this small amount of pay was only for work I was doing outside office hours.

Three months later, I mentioned the idea of full-time work. My boss said, "This wasn't an internship; this is the job. We pay you commission — that's more than we'd ever give an intern. But keep up the good work!"

Two weeks later, I quit.

This is when it got hard. I spent an entire year unemployed with very few interviews. I applied for jobs in every city, a minimum of three per day.

It was a long and depressing year, and it never got better until a particularly desperate night in June, when I bit the bullet and applied to college programs for advertising. School is the one thing I was never rejected from.

Where I am now

I just finished my first year of Advertising Media Sales at Humber College, with honours. I chose advertising because it can be applied to so many fields and seems to always be a necessity for every successful company. For the past few months, I have been applying for summer internships in advertising and marketing departments all over the city. While I am currently waiting on a promising verdict from one company, it seems not much has changed. I only had two related interviews out of my dozens of applications, and I've run out of job listings. The main problem right now is that agencies want a graduate — someone who will be of use for more than just four months.

My recommendations for students

Job rejection really isn't personal and generally you're competing with 15 other people for one little job. The odds are never in your favour, but that doesn't mean you can just stop. You will never get the job you don't apply to, and you can never fear that rejection.

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If you haven't seriously considered the insurance industry as an ideal place to start your career, maybe these statistics will encourage you to start:

Not even the recent tough economic times could slow the growth of the insurance industry; while many industries were laying off workers at the height of the last economic downturn, about 12,000 positions were added to the insurance workforce in Canada.

In addition, according to recent demographic research conducted by The Insurance Institute of Canada, about half of the approximately 110,000 property and casualty insurance professionals are between 41 and 60 years old, and 25 per cent of them are expected to retire in the next two to six years.

There aren't enough young insurance professionals to fill those gaps at the entry level or to move up into management roles, so the opportunities to start and grow your career within the insurance industry are enormous no matter what your educational background.

Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute (career-connections.info), answered a few of our questions to help students and recent grads better understand the job opportunities in this booming industry.

What are the different areas of the insurance industry?

There are three main types of insurance:

Life, Health and Financial: Essentially, making sure money is there to support you in case you get sick or to make sure families and friends do not need to shoulder the costs associated with your final expenses.

Social Insurance: These are government administered programs. In Canada, we are lucky enough to have universal health care. We also have employment insurance and workplace safety insurance which make sure we have a means of financial support in the case of job loss or injury at work.

Property and Casualty: This is essentially for anything without a pulse. Whether it's for something we own, our businesses or even our liability in an accident.

What do people who work in insurance typically like most about their jobs?

When asked what they like most about the industry, many insurance professionals talk about the variety and stability the industry offers.

There is a multitude of opportunities available within the sector that build on your interests, experience and career goals. The industry also has an openness to working in multiple business areas or changing directions over the course of your career. This allows for a career path that evolves and is as individual as you are.

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Want to learn more?

A good starting point is the Career Connections website (career-connections.info). Here students and recent graduates can:

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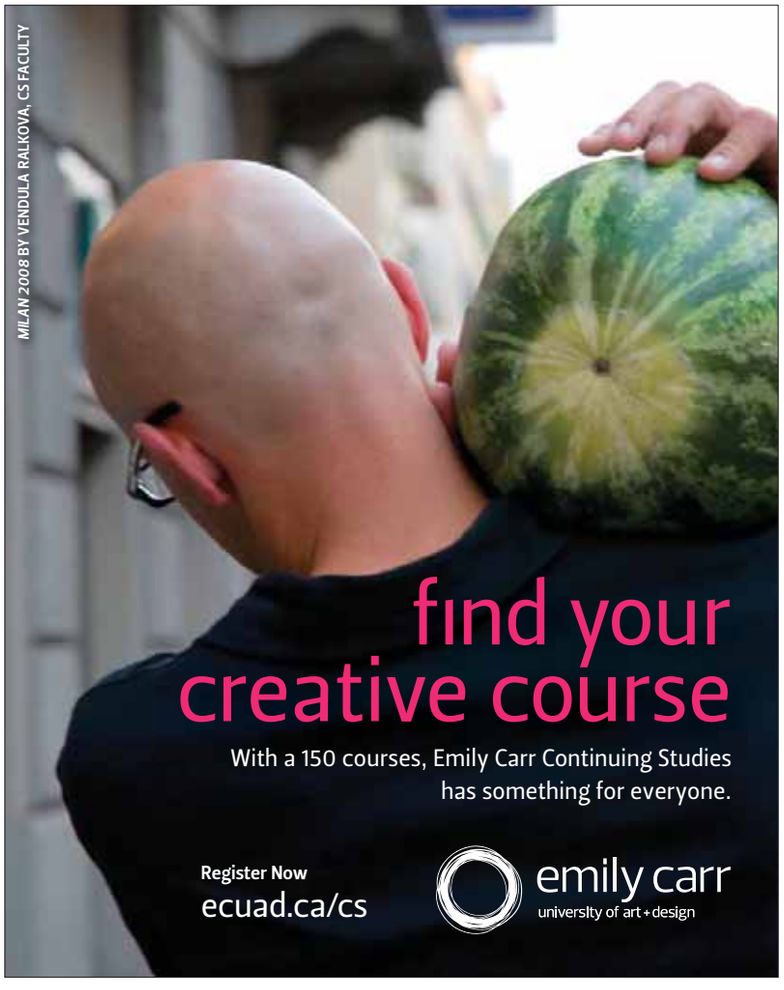
- Explore insurance education, licences and professional designations.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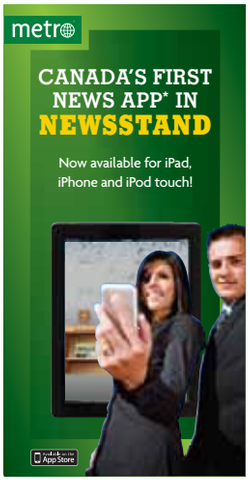


Soccer

Ukraine denies racism claims ahead of Euro 2012

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry says British media reports about racism among the country's football fans portray Ukraine unfairly ahead of the European championship.

The BBC on Monday broadcast a program showing fans in Ukraine and co-host Poland giving the Nazi salute and taunting black players.

Former England defender Sol Campbell told the broadcaster that fans should not travel to the tournament "because you could end up coming back in a coffin."

Ukraine Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleh Voloshyn said on Tuesday the BBC report is wrong and claimed Ukraine "is one of the leaders in Europe" in racial and religious tolerance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis

Serena suffers career-first setback

Serena Williams lost in the first round of a major tournament for the first time in her career, falling to Virginie Razzano of France 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 Tuesday at the French Open.

The fifth-seeded Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tiebreaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena Williams in Paris on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Langley's Lawrie leads Jays past O's

Brett Lawrie scored three runs and Ricky Romero pitched six effective innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 on Tuesday night.

Lawrie also drove in three runs and had three of Toronto's 10 hits as the Blue Jays (26-24) moved three games behind the Orioles (29-21) in the AL East standings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Common ground in cup-final showdown

NHL. Devils and Kings took similar paths on journey to Stanley Cup

Mike Richards works out on Tuesday in New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

Devils head coach Peter DeBoer gives instruction during practice on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A great goalie. Depth in front of him. The ability to win on the road. And a respected coach.

Two teams with plenty of similarities drop the puck Wednesday for the Stanley Cup.

The sixth-seeded New Jersey Devils and eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings face off at the Prudential Center in hockey's finale.

Both teams have already been forged in the cauldron of the playoffs. As lower seeds, they have not had home-ice advantage and had to get here the hard way.

Depth has been key to both.

"I don't think it's an accident that the teams that are rolling four lines and six D (defencemen) are still playing," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday.

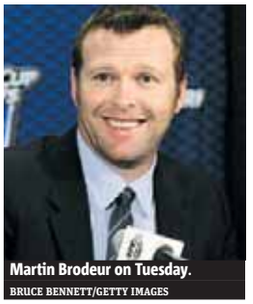
"I think if you talked to Darryl, I would bet he'd say the same thing. It's been critical. You don't play 20, 25 playoff games and the grind and the emotion and the battle without having depth. You just can't."

Said Kings coach Darryl Sutter: "The way the schedule is and the way the travel is, you don't do it without everybody making some sort of contribution. Not just the minutes played but in performance."

Los Angeles is a mind-boggling 8-0 in the playoffs on the road, where the home team has the last line change. New Jersey is 6-4.

Both teams rely on their goaltenders to keep the opposition honest.

Drew Doughty speaks to media on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES



Martin Brodeur on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New Jersey looks to career Devil Martin Brodeur, a future Hall of Famer who is still going strong at age 40.

Los Angeles has 26-year-old Jonathan Quick, who leads playoff goalies in goals-against average (1.54) and save percentage (.946). Brodeur's corresponding figures are 2.04 and .923.

Much has been made of the Kings' size, but the league says there's really not much difference between the two. The Devils' average height and weight is six-foot-one and 204 pounds. For the Kings it's six-foot-one and 208.

New Jersey's average age is 30, compared to 26.5 for Los Angeles.

"I think the goalies bring the average up quite a bit," Devils forward Dainius Zubrus said dryly, referencing Brodeur and 39-year-old Johan Hedberg.

The Kings have more Canadians than the Devils (13 to six). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breakdown

HOW THEY STACK UP

DEVILS

No. 6 (East), 48-28-6 record, won season series 2-0

The Devils are in the Stanley Cup final for the fifth time and are looking for their fourth title. New Jersey captured the cup in 1995, 2000 and 2003, with its only final-series loss to Colorado in 2001. Martin Brodeur has been there for all the final appearances, and could call it a career at age 40 once this series is over — win or lose.

KINGS

No. 8 (West), 40-27-15 record

The Kings are in the final for the second time in team history. L.A. is still looking for its first Stanley Cup, having lost in five games to Montreal in 1993. The Kings have won an NHL-record eight straight road playoff games — the first team to do it in one playoff year. Los Angeles has outscored opponents 30-13 in its road games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Stanley Cup final

"It doesn't make it bitter at all. Quite frankly, I think it's more interesting to watch. I am very fond of Richards and Carter. I'd love to see them succeed. As far as Jersey is concerned, they beat us. If they win, at least we know we lost to the best."

Philadelphia Flyers founder and owner Ed Snider, who said Tuesday he'd love to see former Flyers Mike Richards and Jeff Carter win the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren's gamble last summer to trade Richards and Carter in the prime of their careers yielded mixed results. The Flyers won 47 games, totalled 103 points, finished fifth in the Eastern Conference and had a six-game post-season series win over odds-on favourite Pittsburgh.

On the web

Manchester United may have lost the English Premier League title to its cross-city rival, but the club still claims to be the most-followed soccer team in the world. Internal research suggests United's popularity has doubled to 659-million followers in the last five years. Scan the code for the story.

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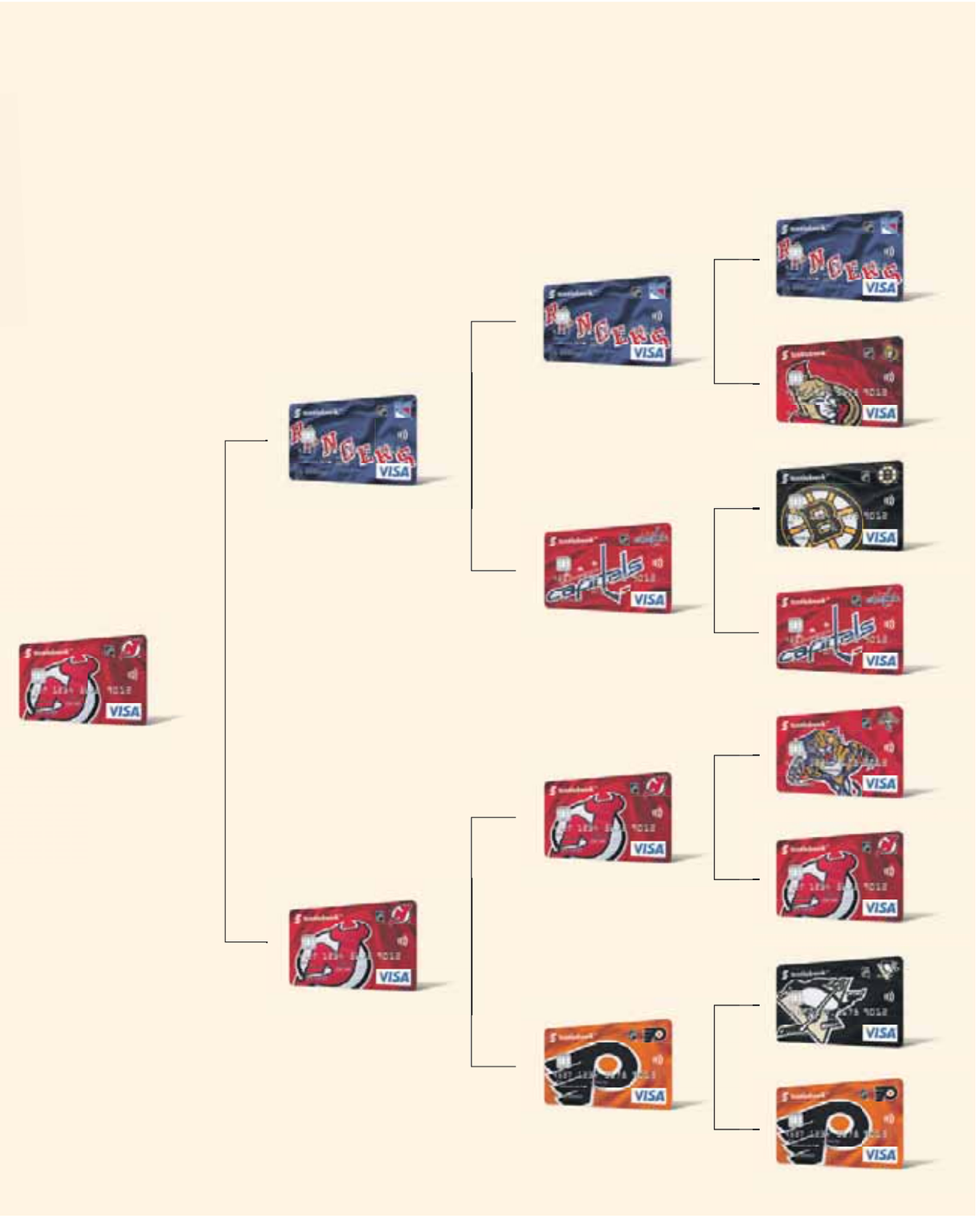

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Prosecutors rest case vs. Clemens

MLB. Judge dismisses 2 obstructive acts in perjury trial of former pitching star

The judge in the Roger Clemens perjury trial has dismissed two of the obstructive acts in the charges against the former pitcher.

Clemens remains charged with two counts of perjury and three counts of making false statements before U.S. Congress, along with 13 other obstructive acts. All relate to Clemens' testimony before Congress at a 2008 hearing and his deposition that preceded it.

One of the statements dismissed was Clemens' contention that he had "no idea" that former Sen. George Mitchell wanted to talk with him in preparation for the 2007 Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball.

The judge ruled against Clemens' request for a dismissal of all charges.

The government rested Tuesday in the perjury trial of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner, wrapping up with a witness from Wall Street and two from the FBI.

The defence is expected to take about two weeks to call its witnesses. The trial has already exceeded the original estimate of four to six weeks stated by the judge at the start of jury selection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roger Clemens in Washington on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spurs stay perfect in playoffs

Kawhi Leonard, right, blocks a shot by Kevin Durant Tuesday in San Antonio. The San Antonio Spurs stayed perfect in the playoffs with a 120-111 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. DARREN ABATE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Mayers, Oduya stay with Hawks

The Chicago Blackhawks have agreed to a three-year contract extension with defenceman Johnny Oduya and a one-year extension for forward Jamal Mayers.

Mayers had six goals and nine assists in 81 regular-season games and also appeared in three playoff games when Chicago was ousted in the opening round by Phoenix.

Oduya had three assists in six playoff games and a goal and four assists in 18 regular-season games when he was a plus-three. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Bobcats hope to land No. 1 pick

The odds are stacked against Michael Jordan's Bobcats winning the NBA lottery Wednesday night and landing the No. 1 pick in the draft.

And the franchise can't afford yet another loss.

The Bobcats finished with the worst winning percentage in league history (.106) after going 7-59 in the regular season. Nonetheless, they have a 25 per cent chance of getting this year's top prospect — who appears to be six-foot-10 Anthony Davis from Kentucky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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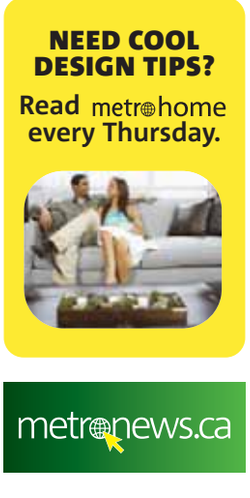

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Acura bucks the engine trend

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AWD

The RDX abandons Acura's very effective Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). However, the replacement system, called AWD with Intelligent Control, appears to have its own merits, which include sending 25 per cent of the available torque to the rear wheels when accelerating from a stop.

2013 Acura RDX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury-compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (273).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.7/7.3.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $42,900.

Beefed-up engine

A 3.5-litre V6 replaces the turbo-charged 2.3-litre four-cylinder, a move that appears to be in sharp contrast to other automakers — such as Ford — which are replacing larger engines with smaller turbo-charged powerplants that supposedly get better fuel economy.

But check this out. The RDX's V6 makes 273 horse power and 251 pound-feet of torque, compared to 240 horses and 260 pound-feet of torque for the 2.3. Most importantly, the RDX achieves a better fuel-consumption rating than the outgoing model.

How is this possible?

A six-speed automatic transmission — one more gear than used on the turbo four — helps improve the ratings, but so do other fuel-conserving innovations.

There's low-viscosity engine and transmission oil, a special friction-reducing coating for the pistons and Variable Cylinder Management that allows the engine to operate with two or three of its six cylinders (depending on the load) shut down.

Acura says the RDX also has improved aerodynamics, fuel-saving electric power steering pump and low-rolling-resistance tires.

Review. More pistons as well as better fuel economy? What does the new RDX know that we don't?

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With the entire automotive world dropping pistons to add fuel economy — and even bragging about it — there's this little twist: the 2013 Acura RDX is adding fuel economy by adding pistons.

Yes, the whole universe is suddenly out of whack and it begs the question, what does Honda know that the rest of the world doesn't. Well, we're in Arizona to find out.

The RDX brand has been around since the 2007 model year as a rival to the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Cadillac SRX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and other premium-priced five-passenger wagons.

Changes for the 2010 model year gave it a look that resembled the larger MDX, which is an approach that has clearly spilled over into the new RDX.

The aggressively arched fenders, redesigned nose-piece and artfully reshaped roofline convey a sense of increased proportions, which is an illusion considering that most key dimensions — length, width, height and cargo volume — vary only slightly from the original.

With an on-the-road starting price of $42,900, the poised and proficient RDX now looks and acts like a more upscale travelling companion that effectively coddles its occupants, should take fewer fuel stops and generally behaves more resolutely when the go pedal is pushed.

Acura, if more power and better fuel economy was intended to be a secret, we're happy to blow your cover.

Entry room — the area between the door pillar and the front edge of the rear seat — for five-passenger compact wagons is sometimes tight. This interior shows off the abundant door-panel detail.

The new dashboard's elegant single-pod gauge grouping replaces the clunkier three-pod layout.

By comparison

1 Audi Q5
Base price: $43,000

2 BMW X3
Base price: $43,900

3 Cadillac SRX
Base price: $43,600

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Flip your Jeep lid

Talk to any owner about their Jeep Wrangler and they'll wax poetic about their favourite off-roader. But ask them about removing and reinstalling the Jeep's canvas top and the air is likely to turn blue. In short, it's not much fun wrestling with the various snaps, zippers, hooks and other attachments. A solution is in hand in the form of the power-operated MyTop from Roadwire. The company states that its lid will automatically fold back and reverse itself in about six seconds. The frame is made of aircraft-grade aluminum (good aluminum), while the electric motors used in the folding/refolding process are of the same design used to operate the canopies of fighter jets. MyTop is priced at $4,300 US, plus installation. More info is available at roadwire.com. WHEELBASE

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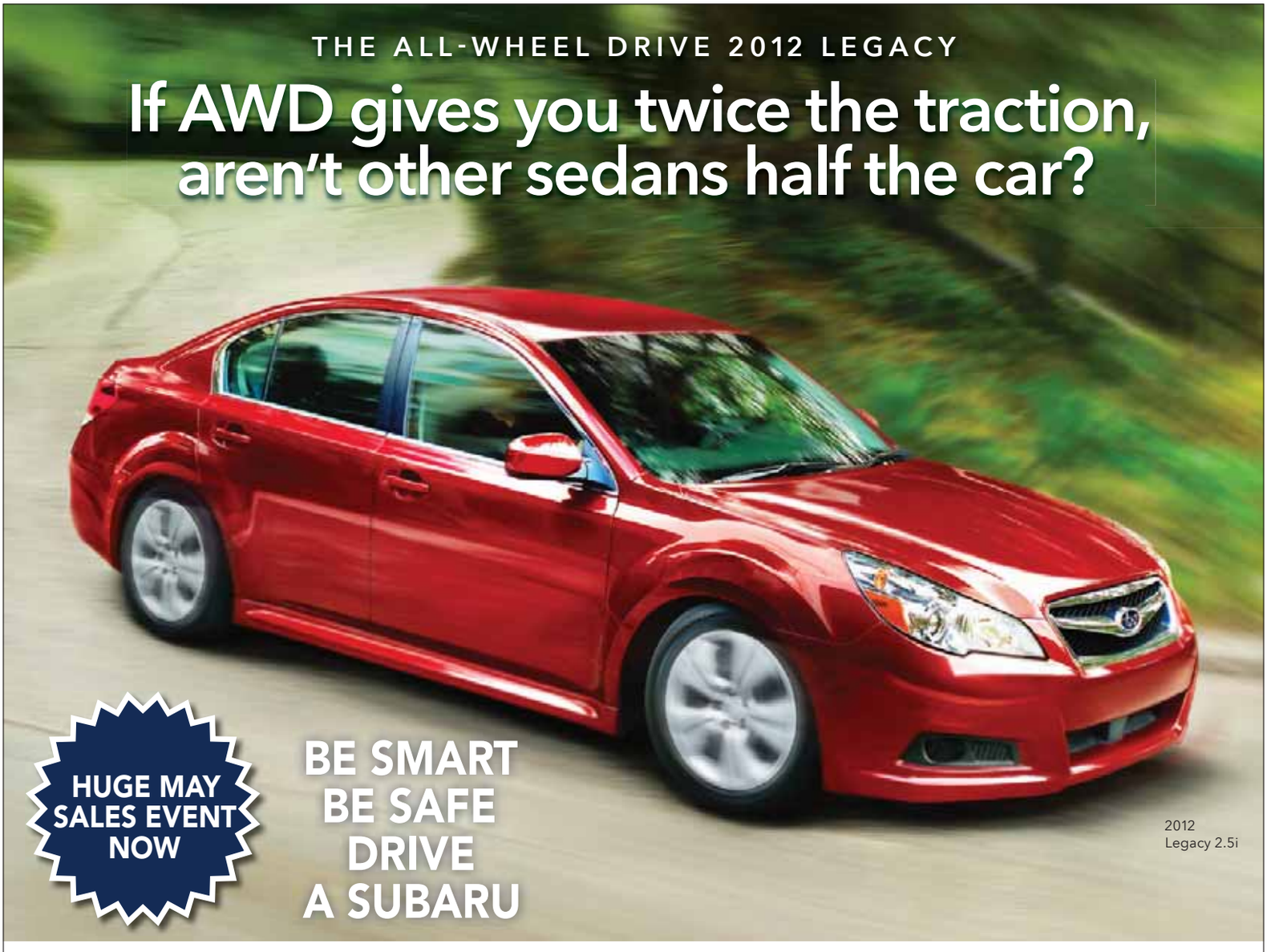

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Compact pickups at a crossroads

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The next wave of compact pickups will probably include some Chinese models. Consider Great Wall Motor's Steed model, introduced just this month to the U.K. market. CONTRIBUTED

An interesting period is developing for fans of compact pickup trucks. The old guard is going or gone, and the new guard is nowhere in sight.

We'll soon lose the GM twins (Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon). Last year we lost Ford Ranger and Dodge Dakota. The year prior we lost Mazda B-Series.

Replacements?

Ford developed a new Ranger for other markets but we're not getting it.

There is a new Chevrolet Colorado coming, but no time frame and not before it lands in priority compact truck markets like Thailand, Australia and Brazil.

A new Dodge Dakota is coming too, but it will have to be invented first, and who knows when and how that will happen within the Chrysler/Fiat framework.

Is it just me, or does it seem like the automakers don't quite have their heart into giving North Americans an up-to-date, "compact" pickup, which is not too pricey, and a legitimate alternative to the full-size pickup?

"The compact truck market is not dead, just ignored by the American marketplace," says Victor Tsai, a devoted and long-time compact truck buyer. For his landscaping business in Toronto, he has employed a long succession of compact rides, such as Jeep Comanche, Dodge Dakota, and Toyota Tacoma.

He feels compact trucks suffer in this market because North America is the home and sole marketplace of the full-size pickup. As such, the automakers are obsessed with selling and developing these trucks on this continent. Nowhere else does the compact truck face such a formidable competitor.

At the same time, automakers have been obsessed with making their North American compacts in the mould of their full-size trucks, loading them up with lots of power, features, macho styling, etc. Net result: they're not much different or cheaper than their full-size brethren.

Howard Elmer is a colleague of mine who specializes in all things truck. He notes that inexpensive trucks were a big part of how the Japanese automakers got a foothold in North America in the 1970s.

"Their product back then was small, but also fuel efficient, rugged, and very, very cheap in comparison (to full-size trucks). People bought them not necessarily because they were small, but because the price made sense."

Today, the vast majority of buyers for import compact trucks are younger people who use them for specific sports or leisure activities, and want them outfitted accordingly, and with lots of comfort features.

Elmer adds that in the era when compacts were cheaper, they were often employed for all sorts of uses and by all sorts of demographics — entry-level vehicle, second family vehicle, commuter, retirement ride for full-size pickup types who still wanted to stay in the truck lifestyle, work truck, sport truck, etc.

Could the next wave of compact trucks coming to North America be more like the earlier, "cheap and cheerful" wave, through lighter and more car-like unibody designs based on global platforms? And could we see diesel powertrains in these compact trucks? Chrysler has hinted as much, and GM's new truck in Thailand is sporting a brand-new diesel engine that looks like it could be easily certified for this continent.

But don't get your hopes up. Elmer notes that just because automakers have appealing products and/or powertrains in some markets, doesn't mean that they can be automatically "plopped" into ours.

However, if GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, etc., aren't prepared to give us cheap, little compacts, it might not matter.

"I think the Chinese are coming," says Elmer. "It's just a matter of time."

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1992 to 2002
Dodge Viper

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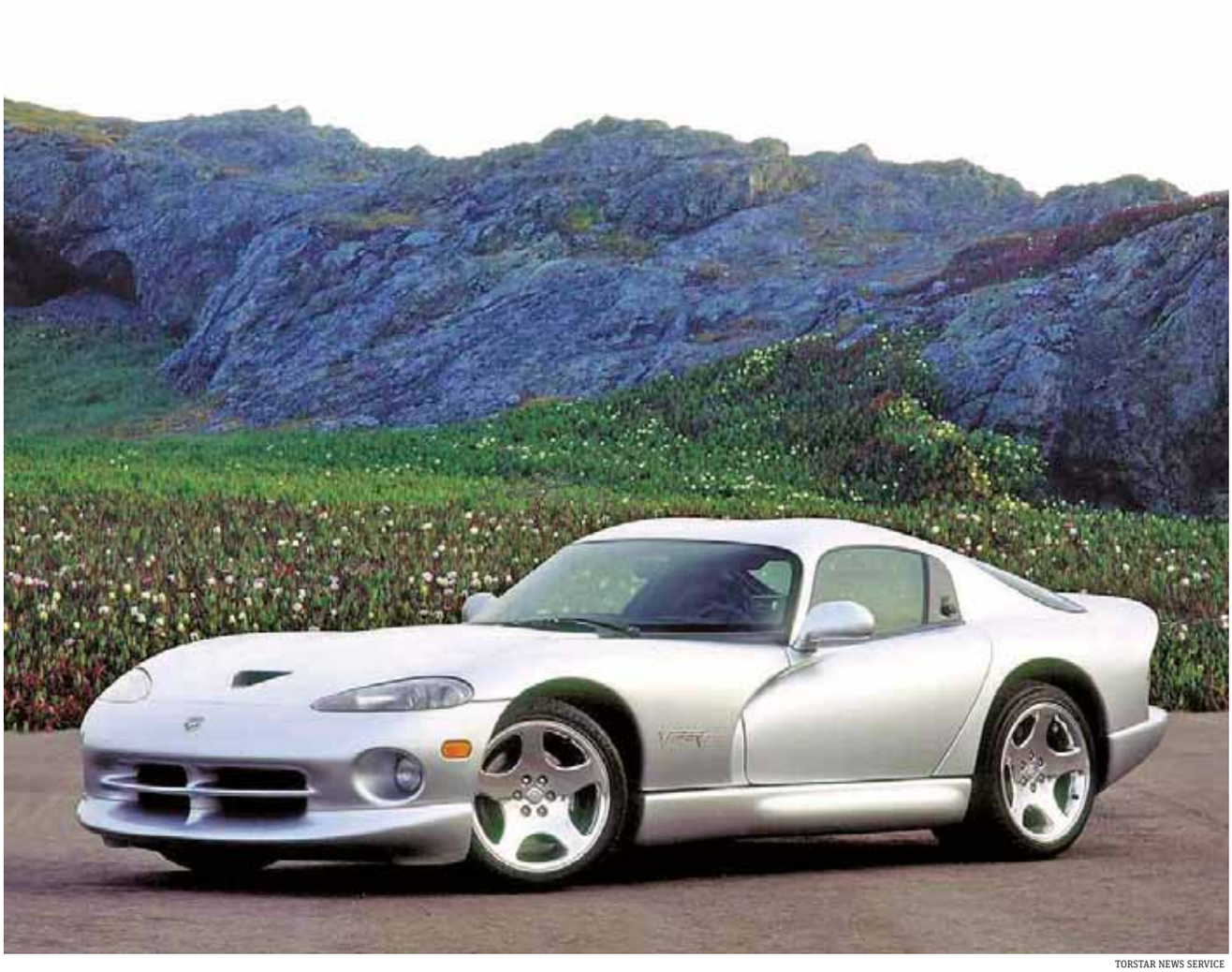
Original Dodge Viper models were often bought as a novel weekend car, a racing machine, or to own a bit of history and nostalgia. All models possess a monstrous 10-cylinder engine, two seats and rear-wheel drive.

Feature content was modest, though performance was the unquestioned focus of this machine. Coupe and convertible variants were available in GTS and RT/10 designations, respectively.



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Common Issues

Have your potential used Viper checked for oil leaks from the valve covers and oil pan gasket. A compression test is also advisable, as is a check of the oil and coolant condition, which could reveal an issue with the head-gasket. This issue seemed to affect mainly earlier models.

On a test-drive, "feel" the transmission for signs of clutch slippage, grinding or hard shifting. Though the gearbox is said to be reliable, abusive driving can shorten its life.

Note that some models suffered from a rear differential which could become separated from its bracket, and/or a power steering rack that could pull away from the front frame. A free recall and repair kit addresses these problems. Your local Dodge dealer has the scoop.

Shoppers are also advised to check the condition of the brakes and tires.

Engine

All models in this generation have an 8-litre V10 with 400 horsepower on early models, and 450 horsepower after 1996. A six-speed manual was the only transmission offered.

What Owners Like

Performance, style, excess and exclusivity were the big draws to the Viper. As a new model, it offered the performance to crush cars costing several times more. Extreme performance driving pleasure is enjoyed by Viper owners.

What Owners Dislike

Limited storage, limited shoulder and legroom and gas mileage are the most common complaints. Heat from the engine can also "cook" the driver's feet on long trips.

Verdict

The Viper was loved mainly for its purely insane performance and the instant recognition of passers-by. It's not a car for the faint of heart — though it will appeal to those after all-out firepower ahead of creature-comforts.

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5 $ dispenser
8 Omit
12 Exchange premium
13 Skater Babilonia
14 Domini preceder
15 Critical
17 Defeat
18 Pump up the volume
19 Carelessness?
21 Necklace fastener
24 In-box filler
25 Impetuous
26 Whims
30 Eggs
31 "Be-Bop- —"
32 Actor Holbrook
33 Maximum contents
35 Golf warning
36 Sea eagle
37 Healthy
38 Malay Archipelago sultanate
41 Tackle moguls
42 Theater box
43 South American rodent
48 — podrida
49 Get — for effort
50 Told tales
51 Ottoman governors
52 Torched
53 Therefore

Down

1 Servicewoman
2 Khan title
3 Wardrobe malfunction
4 Fertilizer ingredient
5 On
6 Greek cross
7 Use wrongly
8 Deli meat
9 Make a cardigan
10 Part of the foot
11 Slow
16 Little devil
20 Brazilian river
21 Gator's kin
22 Volcanic outflow
23 Promptly, on a memo
24 Fry lightly
26 Cold and impersonal
27 — En-lai
28 Make
29 Coaster
31 Farm fraction
34 Virgilian hero
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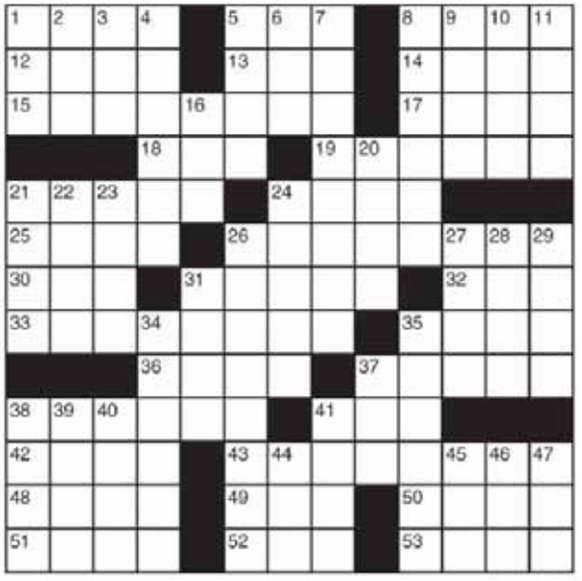

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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1	3	4	6	7	2	9	8	5
9	7	1	5	8	3	4	6	2
4	8	5	1	2	6	3	7	9
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Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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P R D N A T E R Z P N A R O X P A X Q Q

E Z V P X F P N V A E Z V T Z R S .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A LANDSCAPE GARDENER IS COMPLETELY TIRED AND READY FOR BED, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S BUSHED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals N

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Horoscope

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Your financial position may not be as good as it could be, but neither is it giving serious cause for concern. If you worry, you'll make things worse.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You know what you want and you know where and how to get it, so seize the moment.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to reach down into your subconscious and find out what makes you tick.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Reaching out to those who share your beliefs could put you in touch with some interesting people.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Today you can and you should make a good impression on those who can influence the course of your career.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart, much can be achieved. Aim high.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may feel somewhat vulnerable right now but it's nothing to worry about. If you do, you could end up worrying yourself into a corner.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It may seem as if you are doing all the giving while others are doing all the taking, but it's for a reason.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You may find it hard to slow down today but you must. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your confidence will surge over the next 24 hours and soon you will be doing what others say is impossible.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Use emotions over logic today. If you appeal to someone's sense of sympathy or passion, you will win them over with ease. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Limited model shown

HIGHWAY 7.7L/100 KM 37 MPG▼

~~WAS $25,759~~ NOW $19,995♦

INCLUDES $5,764 FACTORY TO DEALER CREDIT‡
SANTA FE GL 2.4 6-SPEED. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

WITH 0%† FINANCING FOR 36 MONTHS | SAVE 40¢/L UNTIL 2013[3]

2012 SANTA FE
Powerful & efficient – the true definition of a cross-over

Limited model shown

HIGHWAY 8.5L/100 KM 33 MPG▼

~~WAS $35,259~~ NOW $29,995♦

INCLUDES $5,264 FACTORY TO DEALER CREDIT‡
VERACRUZ GL FWD. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

WITH 0%† FINANCING FOR 24 MONTHS | SAVE 40¢/L UNTIL 2013[3]

2012 VERACRUZ
"It's a seven-seater, mid-size SUV with serious cargo and people-carrying capacity." – the Globe and Mail

7 PASSENGER SEATING

BONUS 7 YEAR WARRANTY 120,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY

GLS model shown

5 YEAR WARRANTY 100,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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